TODAY'S WEATHER
FAIR WITH FRESH SOUTH-EAST WINDS.

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## THE WEATHER.



Fair.

Fair weather conditions are promised today and increasing cloudiness for tomorrow by the Washington observer for Pittsburgh and vicinity. Yesterday's maximum temperature was 23 and the minimum 15. The sun rose cloudy at 7:20 and set cloudy at 4:54 yesterday. The daily report, furnished by the local weather office, follows:

| Time. | Baro | Tem. | Hum. | Wind | Weather. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 a. m. | 30.30 | 16 | 83 | N. W. | Cloudy |
| 8 p. m. | 30.34 | 20 | 86 | N. W. | Cloudy |

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 17:

| | 1902 | 1901 | | 1902 | 1901 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maximum | 25 | 18 | Mean | 22 | 16 |
| Minimum | 20 | 13 | Precipitation | T | .02 |
| Max. tem., 3 p.m. | 23 | | Exc. since Jan. 1 | | 116 |
| Min. tem., 7:30 a.m. | 18 | | Nor. precip. 31 yrs. | | .09 |
| Mean temperature | 19 | | Precip. for day | | T |
| Nor. tem., 31 yrs. | 38 | | Dfcy. for day | | 69 |
| Dfcy. for day | 14 | | Dfcy. since Dec. 1 | 1.36 | |
| Dfcy. since Dec. 1 | 138 | | Exc. since Jan. 1 | 2.10 | |

Government Weather Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Forecast:

Western Pennsylvania—Fair Friday. Saturday increasing cloudiness, winds becoming southeast and fresh.

Ohio—Fair, continued cold Friday. Saturday, increasing cloudiness, probably snow in afternoon or night; fresh south to southeast winds.

West Virginia—Fair, continued cold Friday; Saturday, increasing cloudiness and warmer, probably rain or snow by afternoon or night.

Observations taken at weather bureau stations at 8 o'clock last night:

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cincinnati | 24 | Clear | Washington | 26 | Clear |
| St. Louis | 30 | Clear | Indianapolis | 24 | Cloudy |
| Cairo | 34 | Clear | Kansas City | 34 | Clear |
| Louisville | 34 | Clear | New Orleans | 52 | Clear |
| Vicksburg | 54 | Clear | Philadelphia | 30 | Clear |
| Chicago | 20 | Cloudy | El Paso | 52 | Cloudy |
| Des Moines | 24 | Clear | St. Paul | 16 | Cloudy |
| Omaha | 26 | Clear | Huron | 20 | Cloudy |
| New York | 30 | Clear | Bismarck | 16 | Clear |
| Cleveland | 22 | Cloudy | Denver | 44 | Clear |
| Buffalo | 28 | Clear | Salt L. City | 34 | Cloudy |

## TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

DUQUESNE—Mrs. Leslie Carter in "Du Barry," 2:15 p. m.

NIXON—"A Chinese Honeymoon," 8:15 p. m.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE—New stock company in "Mrs. Black," 2 and 8 p. m.

KEITH'S—Fifteen big vaudeville acts in continuous performance, 1:30 to 10:30 p. m.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Allstar vaudeville bill, 8 p. m.

ALVIN—"The Rajah Wedding," 8 p. m.

GAYETY—"A Hot Old Time," 2:15 p. m.

ACADEMY—Harry Morris' "Night on Broadway," 2 and 8 p. m.

DUQUESNE GARDEN—Skating afternoon and evening.

CARNEGIE INSTITUTE ART GALLERIES—Eighth annual exhibition of paintings, 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.

ALLEGHENY CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL—Burton Holmes' illustrated lecture, "Alaska, the Klondike and Cape Nome," 8:15 p. m.

NORTH SIDE CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL—Pittsburgh orchestra, Victor Herbert, conductor, Miss Fannie Bloomfield-Zeisler, soloist, 8:15 p. m.

# Accused Murderers of Samuel T. Ferguson on American Soil.

## MUTE ABOUT CRIME

Prisoners Did Not Intimate Their Guilt During the Voyage from England.

## DETECTIVES ARE CONFIDENT

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Herald Building, Herald Square.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.

Storm-swept and icicle-laden, the Teutonic warped into her pier at 9 o'clock this morning with Thomas McQuaide, superintendent of detectives of Pittsburgh and Detective Richard Kelly manacled to the two Croatians they had gone abroad to bring back to answer for the murder of Samuel T. Ferguson, near West Middletown, Washington county, Pa., last September. No gangplank ever bridged a way for a happier pair than McQuaide and Kelly—nor for a more disconsolate, hapless couple than Milovar Tepanac and Milovar Pattrovic, the prisoners, who, coming back to face the charge of deliberately placing 25 pounds of dynamite in the road to rob Contractor Ferguson of a payroll of $3,600, seemed to be conscious of the nearness of the scaffold.

The Croats are fatalists. They have been mum as clams ever since their arrest on the other side, but from sly remarks and suggestive actions they convinced their captors that they believed their fate was sealed and desired to hurry to the end by their own hands. For seven days and seven nights they waited, but in vain. Their chance did not come, for either McQuaide or Kelly was ever by their side and ever wide awake.

### No Confession Obtained.

Superintendent McQuaide said that he had not obtained a confession, or even a partial confession, from either man. "Neither man has had an opportunity to attempt to throw the blame on his pal," said McQuaide. "We will hold them in Pittsburgh for a few days and see if we cannot get results. I will have a good, strong talk with each separately."

"Then you have not had anything like a confession from either man?" McQuaide was asked.

"No; excepting that they admit having worked for the Ferguson company, and that Tepanic admits having had charge of the explosives used in the construction work."

So eager were the detectives to reach Pittsburgh that they boarded the first train west. From the Teutonic's pier they drove to the Jersey City station and started on their homeward journey at 2:15 o'clock. At the pier they had been met by a committee of Pittsburghers, including Detective James Eagan, former Inspector William McKelvy, Barney Harkins of the Pittsburgh stock exchange and John Newell.

"Tommy" McQuaide believes he has enriched himself to the extent of $6,000, the amount of the reward offered for the apprehension of the murderers. He has forged his links of evidence against the prisoners so completely and securely that he cannot see how they can possibly escape. His evidence starts them on the journey from their homes to the scene of the crime, thence to the South Side, Pittsburgh; to New York and to England, and at every step of the way he has found a connecting link. Before he delivers them to the authorities at Washington he hopes to obtain from one of them a confession.

### Prisoners to Be Separated.

When he arrives in Pittsburgh he will take them to Central station and separate them. They will be separated for the first time since their arrest, and he hopes that one of the pair will eventually turn state's evidence. So far the men have been stubborn. They have admitted nothing, excepting that they worked on the Wabash cut-off. Tepanic, who is accused of having conceived the scheme of a dynamite mine, to have laid it and to have touched it off, has admitted that he knows something about dynamite. It is a thing unknown to Pattrovic. It is Pattrovic who is expected to weaken.

The Teutonic had an eventful voyage. From Queenstown to New York raging seas swept the decks and on Sunday lightning shattered the topmast. Cooped up in their little box-like cabin, the detectives and prisoners endured all the indescribable tortures of seasickness. In some quarters of the ship, principally the steerage, the play of lightning around the ship in the midst of a snowstorm was ascribed to the presence of the prisoners.

When McQuaide and Kelly left the Teutonic they marched down the pier between a file of curious persons, who flocked to see the alleged murderers about whom so much gossip had been heard on board.

The prisoners were dressed in summer attire, without overcoats. For the trip to Pittsburgh the detectives had loaned them white shirts with collars and ties. Tepanic, who is tall and lean and angular and smoothshaven, puffed incessantly at a cigarette. His companion, who has a dark moustache and is of small stature, seemed restless and ill at ease.

### McQuaide Had Enough Sea.

"I have had my last trip at sea," said Supt. McQuaide as he greeted his Pittsburgh friends. "The pond has no attraction for me, and I long for a good old ride on a West End car.

"We are going back to convict these men. We have the evidence. We had to have the evidence to bring them back, as any person knows who is familiar with the thoroughness of the legal machinery of Great Britain. We had to prove our case beyond the shadow of a doubt, and the fact that we are able to bring these men back from England is alone convincing that we have the evidence that will convict them.

"I'll never forget this trip. Going over it was easy. Kelly and I had noth-

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# WAXED WARM OVER PANAMA

## Foraker Defends Government's Course on Isthmus.

## MR. HOAR ARRAIGNED

Notable Speeches in the Senate by Leading Orators of Both Parties.

## MORE INFORMATION WANTED

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate today was the scene of a most important debate on the Isthmian canal question as affected by the president's recognition of the independence of the republic of Panama. The discussion began with a speech by Mr. Hoar on his resolution of inquiry, and lasted several hours. In addition to Mr. Hoar's address there were speeches by Mr. Gorman and Mr. Foraker. All three were notable utterances and of historical interest.

Mr. Hoar confined his remarks to his resolution and they were carefully written out and read from manuscript. He held that this country has not yet received full official information concerning the Isthmian revolution, and criticised in sharp terms the conduct of this country as shown by what has been given out. He compared the conduct of the United States on the Isthmus to a policeman who would manacle and hold a person about to be attacked for robbery, and who would then insist on having the spoils of the theft delivered to himself.

### No Limit to Gorman.

There was no reservation in Mr. Gorman's utterances. He practically alleged that the situation in Panama had been created to make a campaign issue, and charges Assistant Secretary of State Loomis with violation of propriety in discussing the question at a banquet in New York. He also said that until further light was thrown on the subject he would oppose the Panama treaty. He also referred to the impetuous action of the executive and declared that the senate should prevent the jeopardizing of the business interests of the country.

Mr. Foraker took Mr. Hoar to task severely for his remarks reflecting on the administration and his indiscretion in speaking in open session concerning executive matters. He defended the administration for its attitude toward the Panama revolt. A heated colloquy took place between Mr. Foraker and Mr. Hoar during an effort of the Massachusetts senator to explain more fully his position in the matter.

Mr. Hoar said that it was no justification of our course to say Colombia had failed to ratify the treaty for the construction of the Panama canal. Had the United States itself not failed to ratify many treaties?

In conclusion he pleaded for all the facts and asked that they be sent to the senate through the usual official channels.

### Hoar Severely Arraigned.

Mr. Gorman said that Democratic senators generally are as favorable to the construction of the canal as are Republicans. He congratulated the country on the possession of a senator like Mr. Hoar, who, he said, was following many examples of courage, patriotism and disinterestedness in the senate, which had occurred at times when the executive by some inexcusable act, had been about to involve the country in war without the consent of congress.

When Mr. Gorman had concluded Mr. Foraker began a severe arraignment of Mr. Hoar's position, saying that when he read the newspaper accounts of the Democratic caucus, which agreed that caucus action should be binding, he knew that there would be trouble, that the Democrats would vote as a unit on every matter except when that vote interfered with individual conscience.

Mr. Foraker said he had felt no great surprise when the attack on the presi-

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STRIKERS INEXORABLE.

# YOUNG WOMAN DIES AT DANCE

## Miss Ada Pearl Watson of Fisk Street Expires at Thuma's Academy in Fifth Avenue.

## HAD JUST LEFT THE FLOOR

Sudden death came to Miss Ada Pearl Watson of Fisk street, one of the young women dancers at Thuma's academy, 310 Fifth avenue, last evening about 9:30 o'clock. For an hour longer the dance kept up, and it was stopped only when Police Captain James McAvoy suggested the propriety of ending the gathering. With a few police Captain McAvoy had been admitted to the office of the dancing school in such a way that the dancers did not see the officers enter. While the young woman lay dead in an adjoining room the waltz and two-steps kept up, until suddenly, an hour before the usual time, the "Home" waltz started.

The room was soon emptied of the light-hearted young men and women. Some learned then of the tragedy, while others knew only that something strange had occurred. They went down the stairs to Fifth avenue in quietly excited groups. Most of the dancers gathered outside the entrance in the street, where an undertaker's black wagon had driven up. Out in the cold wind they waited for half an hour, the crowd growing by additions of passersby on the street who wondered what had happened, until there were about 200 waiting. While the onlookers kept an awed silence the box containing the body was carried down the stairs, placed in the black wagon and driven rapidly away.

"Hiawatha," a lively two-step, was the last dance in which Miss Watson had taken part. It was near the conclusion of this number that she almost tottered to the side of a woman friend, Mrs. Jeannette Herche of Parkers Landing, and became very ill. Miss Alberta Watson, a sister, and Howard C. Watson, a brother, and an instructor in dancing at the academy, were called. They carried the young woman into the office and a trained nurse attendant tried to revive her. M. J. Cramer, manager of Christy's drug store, assisting. She grew rapidly worse and the brother was sent to the telephone to secure physicians. When he returned his sister was dead. Drs. C. C. Brill and L. S. Brown arrived in a few moments. They pronounced the trouble to be heart failure.

An undertaker was summoned and the coroner's office was notified. The body was later taken to the girl's home.

Miss Watson was a daughter of Isaiah Watson of 271 Fisk street. She was 26 years of age. Her brother, Howard C. Watson, said last evening that she had been a regular attendant at the school for three years.

"She had never been ill before," he said. "There was nothing this evening to cause overexertion on her part. She had been in but three dances and as she was an experienced dancer this could not have been too much for her. The whole thing came so suddenly that we do not know what to think."

# AGED LADY STRICKEN WHILE AT UNION DEPOT

## Apoplexy Causes the Sudden Death of Mrs. Caleb Lee While on Shopping Trip.

While waiting for a train at the Union depot early yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Mary Lee, wife of Caleb Lee, Jr., a well-known resident of Oakmont, was stricken with appoplexy and died in less than a half hour. She had spent the day in Pittsburgh doing Christmas shopping and was returning to her home. She was accompanied by her nephew, Attorney C. C. Lee, who cared for her at the station until she passed away. Her relatives were then notified and Mrs. Lee's body was taken home last evening.

Mrs. Lee was prominently connected with religious work for years, and was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church. She was 71 years old and left home yesterday perfectly well. Mrs. Lee made the remark but the day before that she was enjoying the best of health and had done so for some time. She was a daughter of Robert Knox, for years a confectioner in Pittsburgh. Her husband was a tailor, but retired about 30 years ago, to attend to his extensive real estate interests.

Mrs. Lee leaves a husband, one daughter, Mrs. Harry S. Paul of Oakmont, and one sister, Mrs. Alexander S. Hay of Allegheny.

# ANARCHIST ARRESTED AND PLOT REVEALED

## Speechmaker Arrested While Inciting an Uprising at Galveston, Tex.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

GALVESTON, TEX., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A man claiming to be Charles Pierzen, an organizer for the Socialist Labor party, was arrested by the police tonight for delivering an anarchistic speech on the street, denouncing President Roosevelt and the government and inciting an uprising of the laboring classes.

The police have recovered records and information of certain plots which they will not give out in detail. Rough plans of several bridges have been found and it is said they are the plans of the homes of men prominent in the affairs of the national government; that the executive mansion at Washington is one of them and the Oyster Bay home of President Roosevelt another.

Communications were received from Paterson, Chicago and New York by the Galveston anarchists and the interpretation of one of them appears to reveal a plot.

# PRESIDENT PROCLAIMS RECIPROCITY WITH CUBA

## Bill as Amended by the Senate Is Signed at the White House and Becomes Effective in Ten Days.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The president signed the Cuban reciprocity bill this afternoon and issued a proclamation declaring the Cuban reciprocity treaty to be effective 10 days from today. The proclamation is as follows:

By the president of the United States of America—A proclamation:

Whereas, a convention between the United States of America and the republic of Cuba to facilitate their commercial intercourse by improving the conditions of trade between the two countries was concluded and signed by their respective plenipotentiaries at the city of Havana on the 11th day of December, 1902, the original of which convention, being in the English and Spanish languages, is, as amended by the senate of the United States; and,

Whereas, By the terms of the said convention it is provided that the ratifications there fore should be exchanged at the city of Washington as soon as may be before the 31st day of January, 1903, which period was by a supplementary convention signed by the respective plenipotentiaries of the two countries on January 24, 1903, extended to the 31st day of March, 1903; and,

Whereas, The said convention of December 11, 1902, as amended by the senate of the United States, and the said supplementary convention of January 24, 1903, have been duly ratified on both parts, and the ratifications of the two governments were exchanged in the city of Washington on the 31st day of March, 1903; and,

Whereas, By its resolution of March 10, 1903, the senate of the United States added to the end of article 11 of the said convention of December 11, 1902, the following amendment:

This convention shall not take effect until the same shall have been approved by the congress; and,

Whereas, The congress gave its approval to the said convention by an act approved December 17, 1903, entitled "An act to carry into effect a convention between the United States and the republic of Cuba; signed on the 11th day of December, in the year 1902;" and,

Whereas, Satisfactory evidence has been received by the president of the United States that the republic of Cuba has made provision to give full effect to the articles of the said convention; now,

Therefore, Be it known that I, Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States of America, in conformity with the said act of congress, do hereby declare and proclaim the said convention, as amended by the senate of the United States, to be in effect on the tenth day from date of this, my proclamation.

Wherefore, I have caused the said convention, as amended by the senate of the United States, to be made public to the end that the same and every clause thereof, as amended, may be observed and fulfilled with good faith by the United States and the citizens thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this 17th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-eighth.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

By the President:
JOHN HAY, Secretary of State.

# FILIPINOS TO HAVE A CHANGE

## Government Will Sell Friar Lands to Tenants at Easy Terms.

## POPE IS PLEASED OVER SALE

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

Washington, Dec. 17.—Gov. Taft has informed the war department that an agreement has been reached for the sale of the friar lands, there remaining only small matters of differences to be adjudicated.

The main features of the agreement have been outlined in the dispatches from Manila, but there are interesting subordinate features in it. Provision, it is understood, is made for a relation between the tenantry and state government which marks an advance even upon the land tenure system of Ireland.

Thus, for instance, it is in contemplation to sell this vast area of land purchased from the friar orders for the benefit of the Filipinos themselves; for the money will go into their own treasury. Payment will be made by bonds either turned over directly to the friars or sold by the Philippine government at the best price obtainable, and proceeds being given to the orders. The lands are to be sold as far as possible to the tenants who live upon them now, and, realizing that few of the Filipinos have any considerable sums of money laid by, the Philippine government proposes to allow them to buy the lands on long-time payments, at a very moderate rate of interest on the deferred payments.

The main purpose is to create the greatest possible number of landlords in the Philippines, for it is believed that such a body will be a strong conservator of peace and will do much to discourage future revolutionary movements. The question of the withdrawal of the friars, at the outset the most important connected with this problem, has it is said at the war department, practically settled itself. Of the great body of friars in the Philippine islands at the outbreak of the war with Spain only 200 odd are said to have remained and nearly all of these are in Manila.

They have found calls to other fields of duty outside the archipelago and those who remain, being almost objects of

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# FORTUNE IS SPOUTING OUT OF SMALL HOLE IN EARTH

## Gusher in West Virginia That Produces $152 Worth of Oil Every Hour--It May Do Still Better.

From a small hole in the earth the equivalent of $152 in hard cash is pouring every hour. It comes from the largest deep-sand gusher of the year, and was drilled in yesterday morning by the South Penn Oil Company. It is spouting at the rate of 80 barrels an hour, worth $1 90 a barrel. This would make an income of $3,648 a day.

The well is the third one drilled in by the South Penn company on the Wash Robinson farm, on the Wallace side of the Folsom district, Harrison county, West Virginia. While drilling in the Gordon at a depth of 12 feet the pay was struck and drilling was suspended, but this did not deter the well from drilling itself in, and at the expiration of eight hours it had placed 385 barrels to its credit and was still increasing its production. At the noon hour it had increased to 80 barrels an hour, and then, on account of shortage of tankage, it was partly shut in, but at 3 o'clock was spouting away at the rate of 80 barrels an hour, and is expected to increase its production when the owners are better prepared to take care of the oil.

The location is inside of defined limits and does not open up a new field. Nos. 1 and 2 on this farm were drilled in some months ago, and each is now producing about 30 barrels a day. If No. 3 holds up for three days it will more than have paid for itself. The well that came nearest approaching this in size during the year was the South Penn company's No. 1 on the Thomas J. Showalter farm, northeast of the Pine Grove extension, on Morris run, Wetzel county.

# FOUND ARMY OF COLOMBIA

## Five Hundred Troops Are Encamped Near the Isthmus.

## TO THWART ATTACK

United States Marines Will Be Rushed to the Gulf of Darien.

## OFFICERS ARE THREATENING

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Room 10, Postal Building.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.

Marines will be rushed to the Gulf of Darien by Rear Admiral Coghlan to thwart any attempted invasion of Panama by 500 Colombian troops which Capt. Turner of the Atlanta found encamped between Tomate and Tarana island. A similar movement will be made by Rear Admiral Glass toward San Miguel bay, on the southern coast of the isthmus, to prevent possible attack from that direction by a larger force reported to be operating in that direction.

Orders to this end were sent to the isthmus from the war department today and are the natural complement of the recent landing from the Dixie of 400 marines now encamped at Empire and of a battalion from the Prairie now encamped at Cargona.

The expedition will necessarily be made by sea. Not much apprehension is felt that the Colombians will attempt an invasion when they see United States marines guarding the border. At the navy department it was stated Rear Admiral Coghlan had not reported that the Atlanta had been requested to leave the Gulf of Darien by the Colombian commander. Being on Colombian soil there was no occasion for the molestation of the Colombian troops.

The fleet in Isthmian waters will soon be strengthened by the addition of the cruiser Olympia which left Norfolk for Colon today and will relieve the Mayflower as flagship of Rear Admiral Coghlan.

COLON, Dec. 17.—(Special Cable.)—The force of Colombians, which was taken from Cartagena recently and landed near the mouth of the Atrato river, has been discovered. The United States cruiser Atlanta, which came in today, discovered a schooner in the gulf of Darien and on overhauling her, found that she was carrying a battalion of Colombian soldiers to join the others already there. An officer of the Atlanta landed and had a talk with Gen. Ortiz, who commands the Colombians. Ortiz protested in writing against the presence of the Atlanta in Colombian waters and demanded that she leave. The cruiser came to Colon where Commander Turner made a report of the affair to Admiral Coghlan.

The news brought by the Atlanta created a good deal of excitement here and there is much speculation as to what the next move of the United States government will be. It is said on good authority, though not officially, that Admiral Coghlan will take no action until he gets instructions from Washington, unless the Colombians make some move looking towards the invasion of the Isthmus. They will be closely watched. Officers of the Atlanta say that the camp at the Atrato is established in a way which indicates that it will be a permanent one and is so situated that it can be readily used as a base of operations against the Isthmus.

The Colombian officers were truculent in their demeanor and declared that they would retake the Isthmus whether the United States liked it or not.

# PRICES UNCHANGED.

## Steel Plate Pool Reaffirms Present Quotations at New York Meeting.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Representatives of the steel plate pool were in session here today and reaffirmed the present price, namely, $1.80 per 100 pounds, Pittsburgh. The companies represented at the pool meeting included the United States Steel Corporation, Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, Pennsylvania Steel Company, the Maryland Steel Company, the Cambria Steel Company and the Lukens Iron & Steel Company.

At the close of the meeting the representative of one of the big concerns in the pool said that in the opinion of the members of the association the schedule of prices would be maintained throughout the year 1904.

# TARIFF BILL FOR ENGLAND

## British Manufacturers Accept Places on Chamberlain's Commission.

## ALFRED MOSELY ONE

The General Manufacturing Interests of United Kingdom Strongly Represented.

## TO BEGIN WORK NEXT MONTH

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

London, Dec. 17.—It was announced today that the following have already accepted positions on Joseph Chamberlain's commission of experts which is to inquire into the condition of British trade and report thereon with the object of drawing up a tariff reform measure:

Charles Booth of the firm of Alfred Booth & Co. of Liverpool, and former president of the Royal Statistical society; Sir Vincent Caillard, president of the London agency of the National Bank of Egypt and formerly financial representative of Great Britain, Holland and Belgium in Constantinople; Sir Arthur Keene, vice-president of the Institute of Mechanical engineers and vice-president of the Iron and Steel Institute; Sir William T. Lewis, president of the South Wales Institute of Financiers, and vice-president of the Iron and Steel Institute, etc.; Alfred Mosely, who has sent two commissions to the United States to inquire into trade and educational conditions in that country; Sir Andrew W. Noble, vice-chairman of Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth and Company, Limited, a prominent ordnance expert.

The Hon. Charles A. Parsons, proprietor of large electrical and engineering works at New Castle-on-Tyne and an expert in electrical propulsion for war and mercantile vessels; Sir Walter Peace, agent general of Natal; C. A. Pearson, the well-known newspaper proprietor; Sir Charles Tennant, chairman of the Union Bank of Scotland; Sir Alfred Jones, president of the Liverpool chamber of commerce and president of the Liverpool Shipowners' association.

A number of members of parliament have also accepted positions on the commission. They include the Right Hon. Henry Chaplin, former president of the board of agriculture and former president of the local government board; William Henry Grenfell, member of the Thames conservancy board; Frederick L. Harris, member of Harris and Dixon, shipowners and coal factors; Sir Alexander Henderson, a prominent member of the stock exchange and director of several big commercial undertakings; Sir Alfred Hickman, former president of the British Iron Trade association, member of the council of the Iron and Steel Institute, and chairman of Alfred Hickman, Limited, A. W. Maconochie, member of Maconochie Brothers, provision merchants.

Other members of the commission are Charles Allen, nephew of Sir Henry Bessemer; Richard Burbidge, managing director of leading department stores; J. J. Candlish, a prominent glass manufacturer; W. H. Mitchell, one of the most prominent wool manufacturers in the United Kingdom; F. J. Waring, Jr., furniture manufacturer; J. Howard Ollis, a prominent builder and contractor.

The secretary of the commission will be William A. S. Hewins, director of the London School of Economics and Political Science and teacher of modern economic history in the University of London. Mr. Hewins will be assisted by a large staff of experts and statisticians. It is intended that the commission shall meet twice a week commencing about the middle of January.

In this morning's issue the Standard enters a strong editorial protest against Mr. Chamberlain's commission on the ground for a complete change of constitutional methods and bring safe to defiance alike of the authority of the crown, the cabinet and the legislature." The paper demands that Mr. Balfour discountenance the attempt to "assert an irresponsible dictatorship," and take steps to deprive the movement of any sort of official recognition. It declares that the members of the commission are mostly woolly protectionists, hardly one of whom would be entitled to sit on a really strong commission.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ELOPES WITH CHINAMAN

## San Francisco Girl Crossed Continent With Her Almond-Eyed Lover.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—After flying with her Chinese sweetheart across the continent to escape the wrath of her parents, Miss Roberta Lang of San Francisco tonight married Lum Tan Toon in Chinatown.

According to the story that was told in Chinatown tonight, Lum was playing in a Chinese theater in San Francisco, after making a hit with a Chinatown audience in this city. Miss Lang, with a party of friends, went slumming and with her was a young business man whom she expected to marry. The party asked to be shown behind the scenes. There she met Lum. Miss Lang then became a Sunday school teacher and Lum joined her class. The Chinese actor was invited to visit the girl at her home, but he was not well received by the girl's parents, and they eloped.

They reached Chinatown this morning, and arrangements were made for a ceremonial to wed them. The details of the marriage were carefully guarded by the bridegroom's friends for fear of police interference.

# BRYAN PAYS CALL ON COUNT TOLSTOY

MOSCOW, Dec. 17.—William J. Bryan arrived here today and went to visit Count Tolstoy. Mr. Bryan will proceed to St. Petersburg December 19.

# MOB MET SUSPECTED MURDERERS OF CONTRACTOR S. T. FERGUSON

## Lively Scenes at Union Station Upon Arrival of Detectives and Prisoners.

### A SURPRISE FOR M'QUAIDE

The two suspected murderers of Contractor Samuel T. Ferguson are behind the bars of Pittsburgh central police station. At 2 o'clock this morning they were placed in the cells by Detectives Thomas A. McQuaide and Richard Kelly, ending a chase of 6,000 miles and terminating one of the most sensational arrests in the American criminal records. Tomorrow the men will be taken to Washington and lodged in the county jail to await trial at the February term of court.

The arrival of Milovar Pattrovic and Milovar Kovovic, the two suspects, was attended by an unexampled demonstration at the Union station. Five hundred men rushed through the gates and surrounded the little group of detectives and newspaper men that was escorting the prisoners to the patrol wagon. The mob would stand no restraint. Everyone was anxious to catch the first glimpse of the men. Half a dozen of detectives threw themselves around Detectives McQuaide and Kelly and were obliged to battle their way through the throng.

#### Heard of Lynching.

The prisoners, pale and gaunt, sank back into the arms of their custodians. They had doubtless heard of American lynchings and their terror indicated that they feared that summary justice would be meted out to them. By dint of sheer force the officers pushed back the crowd and reached the gates. Here a blockade occurred and with torn clothes and broken hats the mob was swept aside and the shaking Croatians were hustled into a patrol wagon and driven at a gallop to central station.

For the first time since their capture Pattrovic and Kovovic were separated. Both McQuaide himself led the way to the cells. The manacles were taken off and Chief McQuaide turned the key which locked their doors. When McQuaide and Kelly emerged from the cell room they were surrounded by hundreds who had called at the station to congratulate them on their clever capture and their safe return.

The trip from New York was made without incident. With Detective James W. Eagan the two detectives and their charges occupied a stateroom in the sleeping car Burnley on Pennsylvania train No. 21. With their hands securely linked together the prisoners sat side by side. Throughout the trip both were sullen. Kovovic smoked cigarettes constantly. The other man rested his head on his free hand and rarely lifted his keen, dark eyes. When passengers passed the room to the door and gazed at them they looked up occasionally with sullen indifference.

"The capture of these men has saved the criminal records of this country from a series of black deeds the most atrocious that the murder of Ferguson," said Supt. McQuaide. "Dynamite is a handy weapon for the foreigner, and if no capture had been made in this case, we know would have been appalled by the execution of sanguinary plots.

"In my long experience with thieves and highwaymen I have been led to the conclusion that all are more or less affected by insanity. Not so with the men who murdered Ferguson. Such a deed its climax in the death of Ferguson. In their veins ran the cold blood of the criminal of the most hardened class. They were not insane. They had a thirst for self and they cared not how their victim suffered.

"I was in Chicago when I heard of the murder at West Middletown. I declared then that no American—no English-speaking man, had done the deed. Only the alien from eastern Europe or Europe could have sat there behind a tree and waited and watched his victim while he drove for three-quarters of a mile to the fatal spot where the fatal explosion was laid. It is most fortunate that this capture had been made.

#### Have Plenty of Evidence.

"I don't care for a confession," said Superintendent McQuaide. "We have evidence which will convict both men of murder. We have the blood-stained hat, which is a source of much annoyance to the prisoners. We found $1,140 on their persons, and this money could not be accounted for. Of this amount, $800 was in American currency of paper in denominations of $20, $10, $5 and $2 bills. The $5 and $2 bills were new and crisp and seemed not to have been disturbed since they had been taken from their victim's satchel. This is but one link in the chain of evidence which we have forged.

"Nevertheless, I expect a confession. Kovovic has little moral courage. Several times the has showed signs of weakening. And, I think, was only prevented from making a complete breast of affairs by the stronger mind of his companion.

"When the men shall have been separated and placed in separate cells I look for Kovovic to very nearly the straits of mental anguish. He has a poor head. He did not plot the crime—he did not have the brains. When he is confronted by the iron hand of the law he is likely to make haste to save his own neck at the expense of his comrade in crime.

"Ferguson was robbed of over $5,000. What was done with the remainder?" Superintendent McQuaide was asked.

The detective shrugged his shoulders. "Could that not have been suited down among the counties? You know. It was noised about among Croatians that they had blown up Ferguson, and money was needed to keep tongues from wagging. No doubt some may have been used for this purpose.

"We were lucky that we secured the men in England. Two days longer on that ship, and Ferguson's slayers in all probability would have escaped unpunished. We have no extradition treaty with Austria, and a long and tedious delay would have followed before we could have made a formal demand upon the country for the suspected murderers. It first would have been necessary to hold a regular trial here in Washington and to have submitted what evidence we could produce. If we could have secured a conviction, the matter would then have been carried to the state department, and then would have been started with Austria through the American ambassador. All this, you see, would have caused endless delay, and the guilty parties could have made good their escape by covering up their tracks. Altogether, we had good fortune from the beginning of our quest."

The detectives were lavish in praise of their treatment by the English detectives in Scotland Yard. Officers abroad had learned of the murder and took the keenest interest in the work of their American confreres.

#### Veteran of Austrian Army.

Pattrovic, 28 years of age, a veteran of the Austrian army and the husband and father of a small family in a humble home in far-away Crotia, is suspected of being the instigator of the plot. He wears a heavy black mustache and has a fairly intelligent face. He can speak but understands English well, and although the proceedings has kept a watchful eye upon his companion. Kovovic, 23 years of age, of slight build of nervous, restless disposition and with a weak countenance, appeared upon the verge of breaking down. If a confession is made, he will be the first to reveal the details of the awful deed, in the opinion of Supt. McQuaide. His cigarette smoking soothes his high nervous tension. Several times the detectives say, he has been on the point of telling all he knew about the murder, but was invariably interrupted by Pattrovic who seems to exercise almost hypnotic influence over the man of weaker courage.

"The two men had been in America less than three months. Pattrovic understood the use of explosives and had been employed, he stated, in mines where he had acted as powder monkey. He admitted that he understood the use of batteries like that which had been employed in the murder of Ferguson. Altogether, his admissions are taken to amount practically to a confession in negative form. The confession, however, is not depended upon by the detectives in establishing evidence of guilt.

District Attorney Underwood of Washington county will come to Pittsburgh today and will confer with the detectives regarding the removal of the prisoners to the Washington county jail. They will likely be taken there some time tomorrow. Every effort will be made to have this done with as little demonstration as possible.

#### Crowd Greeted Them.

When the patrol wagon from Central police station containing the prisoners and officers arrived at the station the detectives were greeted by a big crowd of men. After the prisoners were turned over to Capt. James McAvoy, Superintendent McQuaide and Detective Kelly were escorted to the front office, where Superintendent McQuaide was presented with a large oil portrait of himself, and the two detectives were given a large bunch of chrysanthemums by members of the detective bureau, all of whom were on hand to congratulate the officers.

The prisoners were locked in cells Nos. 19 and 22, which Adjutant and Policemen James Baker and John C. Graw were stationed in front of the cells as special guards. Superintendent McQuaide said he will have the prisoners photographed for the rogues' gallery this morning, and today he and Detective Kelly will take their prisoners to Washington county, where they will be turned over to the police authorities.

After the prisoners were locked up Officer Graw asked one of them if he was not about 20 years old, and the Croatian said: "No; I'm 23." He refused to talk further, saying he did not understand.

Richard Kelly, Jr., aged 10, attempted to push through the crowd to welcome his father at Union station. He was repulsed by an officer, and when told to stay back he talked back and was arrested and taken to Central police station, where he was recognized and released.

### M'QUAIDE AND KELLY LAND IN NEW YORK

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ing to do but combat sea-sickness, sit in the smoking room, and pass the time of day with the other passengers. But coming back it was different. From the time we left Queenstown our troubles began. There we were, cooped up in that little stateroom, all of us sick almost to the point of welcoming death, and yet ever watchful that our prisoners might not have any opportunities to destroy themselves.

"Only one night did we get any exercise. That was at midnight, when all the rest of the ship was abed. We marched the men up and down the lee side of the ship when the sea was raging and throwing spray over us, and Kelly and I, of course, kept on the outer side, ready at an instant's warning to do battle with the 'Croats.' We felt that they would take their lives if they had a chance, and we believed they would not hesitate to take us over the side with them if the opportunity was afforded. But we all needed exercise and air.

#### Prisoners Feign Ignorance.

"In the stateroom Kelly and I relieved each other in watches, but most of the time we were both on hand. The quiet demeanor of the prisoners was suspicious. From the remarks they made in their own language to each other we concluded they were awaiting an opportunity to do something and we naturally believed that something spelled suicide. They pretended not to know any English, but we learned that they were perfectly familiar with the language and understood every word we said. We tried to amuse them with cards, and one day Pattrovic surprised us by suddenly exclaiming, 'That's a fine trick.' It was one of Kelly's. The prisoner then showed some dexterity himself with the pasteboards.

"Now there is not any doubt in my mind but that we have the right men. And I'll tell you why. You remember when the crime was committed the whole country was aroused, and every person believed that Americans had committed it. They simply said it was impossible for a foreign mind to conceive. I believe it was too diabolical for an American mind to conceive, and I turned to foreigners for a clue.

"I looked over the foreigners employed on the road, and inquired about each one. A little later I learned that a man of the description of Tepanic was exchanging large bills on the South Side. It was easy to follow his trail and to go back over it. I discovered that Tepanic had been employed by the powder company by the Ferguson Company; that he had had charge of the explosives and that the battery which had been used in the mine that killed Ferguson was his property. The gun found nearby was also found to belong to Tepanic. Then the men who had witnessed the explosion and seen two men running away, gave a description of one of the men which tallied with that of Tepanic.

#### Were Easy to Trace.

"It was comparatively easy to trace him to Pittsburgh, where he and his companion exchanged their money, bought tickets for Europe, took the train for New York and later sailed on the Philadelphia. By cabling to Scotland Yard we accomplished the rest of the work.

"Now, when Tepanic was arrested in England there was found among his effects a white slouch hat on which were bloodstains. The men who had seen the perpetrators of the crime running from the scene had described that one of the men had worn a white hat at the time of the explosion. When the men were arrested they had altogether $1,140. Tepanic had a little over $800 and his companion the balance. This money, together with their effects, was turned over to us by the London police and we are taking it to Pittsburgh.

"Now the case against Pattrovic is not strong. Tepanic was the leader. We hope to prove that Pattrovic aided him, but we have work to do yet. It is a fact, however, that Pattrovic was Tepanic's companion after the crime and that he enjoyed some of the spoils.

"The men are in good condition. We had a chance to pull ourselves together this morning. We all had a very tough time of it, and we are very glad to leave the ship."

Detective Kelly commended the London police officials for their courtesy and assistance. He said that they had been treated with the utmost respect and given every possible aid.

#### Detectives Were Prepared.

"They do things very thoroughly on the other side and there was a great deal of red tape," said Kelly, who is an unequalled expert on extradition. "We were prepared for them, however, and had no difficulty in making out our case. You can imagine how thorough they were when I was compelled to endure two hours of questioning. The papers were finally signed by the secretary of state for Great Britain. They had been signed by the president of the United States. We sailed on November 4, and all the time we were away we were occupied in going from one court to another.

"Both Republic and Pattrovic are fatalists. Most Croatians are. I believe they have decided that there is no hope for them and that they would kill themselves if they had an opportunity. We watched them so closely that they had no opportunity even to plan suicide."

Superintendent McQuaide picked up a few ideas in the police line which he will apply to the Pittsburgh department. He has a fine opinion of the London "bobby."

"They have a fine lot of men," said McQuaide. "They are slow and methodical, but they get results. The way they regulate traffic is a marvel. If we had a 'bobby' at Fifth avenue and Smithfield street or at any of the crowded corners in Pittsburgh there would never be any traffic congestion. In London the 'bobby' puts up his hand and traffic stops. You see a crowd gather and 'bobby' comes meandering along and the crowd promptly opens up. 'Bobby' is the whole thing over there.

"Scotland Yard is a fine institution. They have adopted the thumb impression as a means of identification, and I have come to believe that there is something in 'Wilson's' idea. It is a great thing in cases of second-story work, and I intend to see what we can do with it in Pittsburgh.

HARRY BURKE.


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# FOX FACTION LOCKED SCHOOL AND THE SAFE

## Deposed Eleventh Ward Directors Experience Much Difficulty in Holding the First of Their Series of Meetings.

When the anti-Fox members of the Eleventh ward school board tried to hold a meeting in the Moorhead school last night, they found new locks on the doors and a changed combination on the safe. Admission was finally gained to the building, but it was impossible to break into the strong box and secure the official records.

It will be remembered that at a meeting of the board Monday night Directors Stevenson, Whitney and Wallace withdrew when they found it impossible to elect a representative to the central board of education or transact other business. When they had gone Directors Fox, Ginneff and Ward declared the three seats vacant and appointed new directors. By this board John T. Fox was elected to succeed himself in the central board.

Since the ripping, the deposed directors took legal advice and were instructed to call two meetings of the board. If Fox, Ginneff and Ward fail to attend then the courts will be asked to name their successors. Dr. Stevenson was president of the original board and claims to still hold that position. He issued the call for the meeting last night.

When the three directors reached the school house, they discovered that their keys would not open the outer door. The janitor refused them admittance, saying that he was acting under orders. While the discussion was in progress, Director Ginneff sent his keys to the janitor. The employe was finally persuaded to open the door.

There was another surprise awaiting them at the board room door. There was a new lock on it, but the janitor finally yielded. When he was ordered to open the safe and produce the records, he said that he could not. This was thought strange, as he was supposed to be the only person familiar with the combination. He explained that Fox had ordered a change made in the combination, and he had not been given the numbers.

It was decided to hold a meeting and a minute book was procured. John Whitney was made secretary and the roll was called. After waiting 45 minutes for the other directors to appear, the three men adjourned. The next meeting will probably be held Monday night. If a quorum is not then secured, the courts will be appealed to.

## THREE RAILROAD VICTIMS.

### Boy and Woman Run down and a Man Caught and Crushed.

William Dowling, 16 years old, of 4532 Second avenue, was struck yesterday by a Baltimore & Ohio train at Merion Junction and instantly killed. He was walking on the track and evidently did not see the train bearing down upon him.

Sophia Naja, 25 years old, of 3247 Jane street, was killed yesterday on the tracks of the P. V. & C. railroad at South Thirtyfirst street, yesterday, while gathering coal and killed.

Janero Guida, 24 years old, was killed on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Versailles yesterday by being crushed between two trains. He was a laborer working on the section train.

Andrew Koslow, 3 years old, of Braddock, died at the McKeesport hospital yesterday from burns received at his home Wednesday. His brother was lighting the fire with oil. An explosion followed and the child's clothing caught fire.

John Brunner, 40 years old, of Carbon street, Mt. Oliver, died at his home yesterday from injuries received Monday by falling off his wagon in Bausman street. He was driving down the hill when the wheels of the wagon slipped on the ice, throwing Brunner on the pavement. He was a driver and married.

## DISPUTE COMPLICATED.

### Suit Entered Against Officials of Burns Faction of Knights of Labor.

The fight between the Burns and the Hays factions of the Knights of Labor, which is in the courts of Washington, D. C., became more complicated yesterday when Patrick E. Farrell, formerly a district master workman, entered a suit there for $50,000 damages. The defendants are Simon Burns, Henry Hicks, Thomas M. Canning, John Fernan, Maurice Carmody and Frank Yourison. This is the executive board of the Burns' faction of the Knights of Labor. He sued them because they accused him of being dishonest.

The two Knights of Labor factions have existed for four years. Each faction claims to be the legal organization, and actually holds conventions and elects officers. About two months ago the factions held a conference and agreed to petition court to take evidence and decide which is the real organization, the decision of the court to be final. The Burns faction witnessed the first testimony last week and the Hays faction witnesses are now testifying. The testimony being produced is said to have caused Farrell to enter the suit.

## FIREMEN'S WARM ELECTION

### Company No. 1 of Bellevue Elected Officers After a Close Vote.

An exciting contest took place at the election of Columbia Hose, Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, of Bellevue, last night, between Daniel Rosemier and Frank L. McCormick for the office of captain. Rosemier won by two votes. The full ticket elected is: George G. Esse, president; Albert E. Hummel, vice president; John F. Quail, treasurer; R. B. Robinson, secretary; James S. Pinkerton, assistant secretary; Daniel Rosamier, captain; Frank L. McCormick, first lieutenant; A. E. Hummel, second lieutenant; James Greenough, junior lieutenant; George L. Lothmier, alderman; Stephen Newburn, Jr., J. L. Wilson, J. H. Besser, Henry H. Hummel, Edward Means, Jr., Tony Hall, hose directors; Chief Charles W. Fisher, trustee for three years.

## WIFE RESCUES HUSBAND FROM BURNING TO DEATH

Frederick Reitenour of Tenth street, Sharpsburg, was probably fatally burned in a lamp explosion at his home last night. Reitenour was lying in bed reading when the lamp exploded, throwing the burning oil over the bed clothes and rendering him unconscious. His wife returned from a party and found the house full of smoke. Rushing upstairs she dragged her husband out of bed and extinguished the burning clothing. Her hands were badly burned.

#### Big West Virginia Coal Deal.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—Negotiations were closed here today by which M. B. Mullins of Logan, W. Va., transfers to C. L. Snyder of Buffalo and Henry Patton of Albany, N. Y., 30,000 acres of coal land in Logan county, W. Va. The consideration is said to be $150,000. The land lies on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad.

#### Subscriptions to the Butler Fund.

The following subscriptions to the Butler relief fund were received at the mayor's office yesterday: William H. Schnatte Co., $10; J. O. Reneker & Co., $10; W. M. Blackburn, $50; Dilworth, Porter & Co., $100; Charles W. Cooper, $10; Wilkes Planing Mill Company, $10. The total amount received to date is $8,355.

#### Forty Passengers Icebound.

IRONTON, O., Dec. 17.—Forty passengers on the steamer The Courier, who were locked in the ice at the head of a gorge at Hanging Rock, were taken ashore over the ice today and sent by rail to Cincinnati and other points. The Ohio river is frozen over here and at other points both up and down the river.

#### Robbed on a Street Car.

C. W. Maxwell of No. 3838 Penn avenue, while riding on a Penn avenue car shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday morning had his pocket picked of a purse containing $40. His thinks the job was done by three young men who jostled him at Penn avenue and Main street and got off the car.


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## A LODGE FOR 50 YEARS.

### Monongahela, No. 269, F. & A. M. Celebrates Its First Half-Century.

With all due form the semi-centennial anniversary of Monongahela Lodge, No. 269, F. & A. M., was celebrated at Syria temple last evening. Music, addresses, a banquet and toasts added to the pleasure of the reunion. About 500 persons were present.

In the meeting before the dinner J. Boyd Duff spoke on "Lodge Reminiscences"; Past Grand Master W. LaRue Thomas on "The Masonic Fraternity"; David Thomas, "Our Fiftieth Anniversary"; the Rev. Thomas J. Leak, "The Great Light of Freemasonry," and Edgar M. Wagner, "Mirth."

Past Master Henry L. Dixon was toastmaster, and the following toasts were responded to: "Hiram, King of Tyre," Alexander the Rev. William Alfred Shipman; "The Master Mason," Past Master Danie Ashworth; "The Blue Lodge," District Deputy Grand Master W. M. Hamilton; "The Grand Lodge," Grand Master James W. Brown; "Monongahela Lodge, No. 269," Past Master William T. English.

The committee having charge of the celebration consisted of Henry L. Dixon, Dr. H. L. Reinecke, John S. Sankey, Frank L. Hooff and Miles B. Layton. The present officers of the lodge are Louis H. Frederick, worshipful master; Frederick A. Bennett, senior warden; William H. Charles, junior warden; Henry Stoltzenbach, treasurer, and Harry J. Weimar, secretary.

## TOOK CARBOLIC ACID.

### Despondent Pittsburgh Girl Attempted Suicide in Buffalo.

Becoming despondent because her lover threatened to desert her, Lizzie Smith, aged 23, who, according to a special telegram received by The Gazette last night, claims her home is in Pittsburgh, attempted suicide by drinking carbolic acid at the Fitzsimmons hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., yesterday. Mrs. Fitzsimmons, wife of the hotel proprietor, heard the girl crying in her room and entered the apartment just as the girl was pouring the poison. Mrs. Fitzsimmons attempted to take the bottle from the girl and a struggle for its possession ensued, during which Mrs. Fitzsimmons was badly burned by the acid splashing over her breast.

Other people in the hotel heard the struggle and on reaching the room found Miss Smith lying across the body of Mrs. Fitzsimmons, and both women unconscious. Physicians were called from the Emergency hospital, and after both were revived Miss Smith was removed to the hospital. She is badly burned about the mouth and on one side of the face. The physicians stated that she will recover.

## ONE ITALIAN LIKELY TO DIE

### Explosion in Mining Camp Caused by Careless Handling of Powder.

Antonio Meholet was probably fatally burned and Mike Velentic and Paul Losheka badly injured yesterday afternoon by the explosion of can of powder at Kirl, a mining town on the West Penn railroad. The injured men were taken to the Mercy hospital. All are employed as miners by the Avonmore Coal & Coke Company.

It is said they were trying to open a can of powder. In some manner the powder was ignited or the flame from the stove in the store. This ignited the rest of the powder causing it to explode. The building was set on fire. The men were rescued by their fellow workmen and hurried to the hospital. The physicians say the chances for recovery are small. All are Italians.

## WAGE REDUCTIONS IN MANONING VALLEY

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 17.—It is announced that the Bessemer association has decided on a reduction of 10 per cent in the wages of all the men in the Manoning and Shenango valleys. Stock No. 3, of the Ohio works, Carnegie Steel Company, will suspend operations tonight and resumes it will be refitted. The announcement is made that the committee of the machinists' union and the manufacturers will hold a conference tomorrow afternoon regarding the reduction of wages. The new scale went into effect today.

## LYNCHING IS PROMISED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Considerable alarm was felt today when a report reached here that residents of West Middletown had declared that the two Croatians, Milovar Pattrovic and Milovar Kovovic, suspected of the murder of Contractor Samuel T. Ferguson at West Middletown, would never reach the Washington county jail alive. A majority of the residents of the place will be here tomorrow. Sheriff E. L. Carothers has asked the county commissioners for a guard.

## PLACE ON COMMISSION OFFERED TO GEN. BLACK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The president has tendered the position of civil service commissioner made vacant by the death of John R. Proctor to Gen. John C. Black of Chicago, ex-commander-in-chief of the Grand Army. Gen. Black has not indicated whether or not he will accept the appointment. He was commissioner of pensions during the second administration of President Cleveland.

#### Found Guilty of Manslaughter.

BEAVER, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The jury found Andrew Oliven, the Italian charged with the murder of Samuel Hendrickson, after a play at the Grand Opera house, on November 24, guilty of voluntary manslaughter. The jury was out but an hour and 15 minutes. Oliven is 18 years old. He testified in his own behalf for an hour. He said that Hendrickson had annoyed him during the play and pushed him as they were leaving the gallery.

#### Wilkinsburg Churchmen Banquet.

One hundred and twenty men of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church of Wilkinsburg last night attended a banquet and reception in the dining room of the church, its object being to further the social condition of its members. James Reid, was toastmaster, and after a sumptuous repast speeches were delivered by Burgess J. A. Keys, H. Keller, C. D. Armstrong, Dr. Thomas Ferry, H. L. Thomas, A. W. Duff and W. M. Holmes.

#### Opium Fiends Fought Rescuers.

PORTLAND, ORE., Dec. 17.—In a fire in the Chinese district that caused $75,000 damage three Chinese lost their lives. Several Chinese opium smokers fought the firemen who were endeavoring to rescue them, not realizing the intent. The fire was carried 50 inmates from the building.

# HIS BIG RISK WELL REPAID

## Witness Gives Inside Facts of Schwab's Sale of Bethlehem Plant.

### CABLES ARE STILL A SECRET

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU, Herald Building, Herald Square, NEW YORK, Dec. 17.

Charles Steele of J. P. Morgan & Co. and Charles E. Alexander of the law firm of Alexander & Green were the two witnesses introduced today at the hearing into the affairs of the United States Shipbuilding Company. The former told of his knowledge of how the Bethlehem steel plant was acquired by Charles M. Schwab through the United States Steel Corporation syndicate, and of the selling agreement with Harris, Gates & Co., whereby the stock given to Morgan & Co. and Mr. Schwab as a bonus was to be sold first.

Mr. Alexander, who was still on the stand when the adjournment until tomorrow morning was taken, told of his relations to John W. Young, the originator of the shipyard scheme; his experiences in Paris at the time the French Panama canal project went, and that he did and did not know of the enterprise.

The hearing was held in the rooms of the New York board of trade and transportation, No. 203 Broadway, and there was a larger attendance of distinguished lawyers and Wall street men than on any other previous occasion.

Both witnesses today bore their parts smilingly, and the lawyers wrangled again about the admissibility of certain testimony relating to other matters received by the principals in the issue before the court, and asked the examiner, representing Judge Kirkpatrick, who appointed the temporary receiver, to have the interrogations certified, so that rulings might be obtained.

#### Bought on Schwab's Word.

According to Mr. Steele the purchase of the Bethlehem plant by J. P. Morgan & Co., as syndicate managers, was arranged by Mr. Schwab and Morgan & Co. in June, 1901. Mr. Schwab assigning to the steel syndicate a contract which he had for the purchase of a control of the Bethlehem stock. Mr. Steele said the purchase was made in order that the Steel Corporation might be able to control the disposal of the Bethlehem plant, its permanent ownership being considered disadvantageous to the Steel Corporation and the desire being to resell it to others favorable to the steel company though no special purchaser was in view at this time.

Mr. Schwab broached to him the project of a sale of Bethlehem to Nixon and Dresser for the shipyards concern. On June 11 Mr. Schwab told him that the shipbuilding company desired the plant, and he and Mr. Schwab met Mr. Nixon and Dresser. The following day, after consultation with George W. Perkins and a casual examination of the ship yards prospects, Mr. Steele notified Mr. Schwab that Nixon would be accepted.

Nixon and Dresser were to pay for the stock the original purchase price in cash, $7,296,000, in addition to $3,000,000 of the shipbuilding company securities.

#### Why Schwab Got Stock.

Schwab at the time informed Mr. Steele that he (Schwab) was to receive $10,000,000 in shipbuilding bonds and the same amount of each kind of shipbuilding stock. Mr. Untermeyer asked what reason there was for giving Mr. Schwab a warning Bethlehem stock at the time should receive $30,000,000 in shipbuilding bonds and stock at the time of its sale, to which Mr. Steele replied that it was in consideration for the risk Mr. Schwab assumed in making for the country for the purchase of the Bethlehem stock, which was immediately assigned to Morgan & Co. Mr. Schwab had not told him that these securities would give him a control of the shipbuilding company. Morgan & Co. had transferred the $30,000,000 in stock, part of the purchase price, the stock being assigned in blank.

Mr. Steele had previously been informed by some party to the agreement that an arrangement for the sale of the Schwab stock first and had declined to have the Morgan stock included. His firm, he said, was not a formal to the agreement, had not signed it and had not taken advantage of it. The $5,000,000 in bonds still remained in the Morgan vaults until sold to Mr. Schwab.

Mr. Steele made an explanation of the statement issued by Morgan & Co., at the time when mention was first made of this agreement in the suit, the statement denying that Morgan & Co., were "parties" to any such agreement. Harris Gates & Co. replied at the time, insisting that there was an agreement for the sale of the Morgan stock and Mr. Steele said tribute to Mr. Gates' good faith, in issuing his statement. When Mr. Steele had left the witness chair Mr. Guthrie had an entry made on the record of his objection to the publicity brought about by the method of conducting the examination.

"We will concede on the record," said Mr. Untermeyer, "that Mr. Guthrie objects to the publication of anything that we may bring out here."

Charles Alexander formally refused to produce the cable dispatches which were the subject of much dispute last week during Mr. Perkins' examination. Mr. Untermeyer put a long series of questions about correspondence and papers, but Mr. Alexander declined to make answer in most cases on the ground that the communications were privileged as between attorney and client.

## POPE APPROVES THE NEW BISHOP OF COLUMBUS

ROME, Dec. 17.—Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the propaganda, was received in audience by the pope today, and submitted as the choice of the propaganda for bishop of Columbus, O., the name of the Rev. James J. Hartley, of the Church of the Holy Name, Steubenville. His holiness ratified the selection.

## ASIATIC SQUADRON ORDERED TO CAVITE

HONOLULU, Dec. 17.—Rear Admiral Evans received orders today to have the Asiatic squadron, which arrived here yesterday, in readiness to sail for Cavite after Christmas. Coaling has begun.

#### Charles C. McCall Is Dead.

Charles C. McCall, aged 28, formerly of Pittsburgh, died early Wednesday morning at Butler of typhoid fever, after a sickness of five weeks. He was representative in that city for Armour & Co., having gone there from this city April 1. The remains will be brought here this morning, arriving at 10:28 o'clock. The funeral services will be held at the First Cumberland Presbyterian church, Shady avenue and Aurelia street, at noon. The deceased was a son of the late John S. McCall, who for a number of years was a prominent live stock dealer. He is survived by a widow, who was formerly Miss Kate Hays of Waynesburg, Pa., two children, 16 and 18 years of age, as well as his mother, and brother, Robert, who live at Shady Creek, near East Liberty.

#### Woman Burned in Gas Explosion.

Annie Sweet was badly burned about the face and hands early this morning by the explosion of gas in her room in the Emanuel building, Second avenue and Grant street. She was removed to the Homeopathic hospital. The gas accumulated from a gas jet in the room.

#### Duquesne Heights House Burned.

A two-story frame dwelling in Greenleaf street, near Republic street, Duquesne Heights, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The house was vacant and was owned by John Leighbidder. The loss is about $1,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

#### Charged With Illegal Liquor Selling.

Mathew Frank of No. 3014 Mulberry alley and Stephen Rudelich of No. 3027 Mulberry alley were arrested last night on charges of selling liquor without a license and on Sunday.


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# FILIPINOS TO HAVE CHANCE

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charity, are as anxious in most cases to get away from the islands as those who, mistrusting them at some sacrifice, are anxious to have them go.

But viewed if a few reason, it is felt that their power to further embarrass the future relations of the government and people in the Philippines has disappeared. It is not doubted that the president and Secretary Root will approve Governor Taft's arrangement, particularly as it appears that the people of the United States are not to be charged with any of the money required to buy the friars' lands.

It is understood that the purchase price determined upon, subject to the approval of the president, is $7,000,000. The original price demanded by the friars was $15,000,000. Governor Taft offered at first $6,000,000. The lands to be purchased by the United States comprise more than 400,000 acres and include practically all of the holdings of the friars in the archipelago with the exception of certain small tracts upon which private corporations have erected churches.

ROME, Dec. 17.—Full particulars concerning the agreement reached between Governor Taft and the friars, providing for the settlement of the friar land question in the Philippines, have not yet been received by the various authorities, only a mere announcement that such an agreement had been reached having been cabled from Manila. When the news was brought to the pope he seemed highly delighted and exclaimed: "It is the best Christmas box I could have had."

One of the highest personages of the Vatican court, in conversation with "the Associated Press, said editorially:

"The news from the Philippines has produced a feeling of general satisfaction, not only among the ecclesiastics, but among all those who have interested themselves in the settlement of this most serious and difficult question. The fact that an agreement has been reached is considered a new demonstration of the loyal and lofty manner with which the Washington government deals with affairs respecting the rights of the Catholic church. The question as to whether the Franciscan, Dominican and Recollects shall remain in the archipelago now rests entirely with the holy see, which, by its laws and traditions, is compelled to help in safeguarding the rights of the people as well as those of the ecclesiastical orders."

In all quarters Governor Taft and Archbishop Guidi are being warmly congratulated on their success in solving the most intricate of the questions entrusted to their diplomacy. It is declared that both have displayed the utmost tact and equanimity. The excellent impression produced by Governor Taft during his sojourn in Rome in the spring of 1902 has now been greatly increased at the vatican, the authorities of which expect that his presence in Washington as secretary of war will greatly help the settlement of the remaining questions in the Philippines.


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# CLASH IN SIXTH COMES TONIGHT

The Citizens Ward Committee Meets to Nominate Candidates for Councilmen.

W. S. GUFFEY MAKES SPEECH

Martin McTighe will tonight try to secure the Citizens party nomination for select councilman in the Sixth ward. His opponent will be Peter Hermes. The McTighes are confident of their ability to capture a majority of the votes of the ward committee. Hermes was not expecting a meeting at this time.

Phillip Lippert is chairman of the ward committee. He said last night that he had called the committeemen together for this evening to make nominations. Lippert claims to be impartial and promises that both sides will be given fair treatment.

It is understood that if McTighe controls a majority of the 24 committeemen he will nominate Dr. J. P. Shaw for common councilman. Shaw will later reciprocate by making McTighe the Orphan candidate for select councilman. If Hermes is in control, it is not definitely decided who he will make his running-mate. His friends are still of the opinion that James McCaig, a Democrat, will be selected. The meeting tonight will be held in the office of Chairman Lippert in Fifth avenue, near Miltenberger street.

Changes in the Committee.

Some changes have been made in the membership of the committee and there may be surprises when the roll is called. H. H. Bongough was on from the Fifth district. The other day he handed in his resignation and John P. McTighe was elected. Chairman Lippert will seat McTighe, but he is in doubt about a case in the Eighth district which developed last night. George Cass resigned and G. W. Downs was elected. Lippert says that he will allow the committee to decide whether Downs has a right to the seat.

The McTighes went into court yesterday and filed a petition in which they claimed the exclusive use of the Citizens party appellation for the Sixth ward. The purpose in this is said to be a plan to protect them in case the city committee refuses to recognize the nominations made tonight. The appellation is patented for the entire city and the Citizens leaders say that the Sixth ward men will not have any standing in the courts.

The anti-Shore-Lamb faction of the Eleventh ward has followed the tactics of the McTighes. A petition was filed yesterday claiming the rights of the Citizens party name for the Eleventh ward. The signers are W. O. H. Hemmingray, Joseph T. Flinn, Joseph D. Swearingen, William Lytle and John W. Flinn.

City Committee Meeting Tomorrow.

Chairman Thomas S. Bigelow has called the Citizens city committee together for tomorrow. He will be re-elected and will have charge of the municipal campaign. It is likely that a rule will be adopted that all councilmanic nominations must be made on or before January 5. There may also be some definite action in regard to the nominations of the committees in the Sixteenth and Thirty-second wards.

Mayor William B. Hays yesterday declared that he is through with the Soffel fuss in the Fifth ward. As Jacob Soffel has already been nominated for select councilman by the Citizens ward committee, it is probable that the city committee will be asked to find a way of setting this nomination aside. In discussing the matter he said:

"They will have the battle of their lives in February to nominate their ticket. They have trimmed in the ward in the matter of appointments and many people are down on them. They have toiled in so much that they are disgusted, and will have nothing more to do with them. They have posed as being for the appointment of certain people, while secretly they were against them. I do not know Reed and Hotchkiss, the Republican candidates for councils in the Thirty-second ward, but I have learned enough about them to know that the Soffels will have a hard time winning."

Republican County Committee Meeting.

The Republican county committee will meet in city hall tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. A date for the primaries will be decided upon. The only objection which has been heard to March primaries comes from the Soldiers' Civic league. At a meeting last night a resolution was adopted opposing the selection of any date earlier than the first Saturday of June and suggesting that even a later time should be named.

The league also nominated officers to be voted for the first Thursday in January. These men were named: L. W. Maibelee, colonel; H. B. Custer, lieutenant colonel; J. A. Torney, major; H. H. Hoffer, officer of the day; F. L. Blair, adjutant; O. S. McAlvane, quartermaster; J. A. Reed, Mr. Beutheit, A. S. Miller, J. Albert Odell and Samuel B. Moore, executive committeemen.

Congressman H. H. Foster was in Pittsburgh yesterday. He says that he would like to be returned to congress, but is not ready to say whether he intends to enter the Republican primaries. He said that he had been discussing the matter with some of his friends.

Wesley S. Guffey Declares Himself.

There was a meeting of Twentieth ward Democrats last night at No. 6016 Penn avenue. Martin Howley presided and announced that the purpose of the gathering was to discuss the policy of the Democrats in the councilmanic fight. It was the sense of the meeting that a straight ticket should be placed in the field.

W. S. Guffey was asked to give the meeting its opinion. He declared for a straight ticket and against any deals with Citizens or Orphans. "We do not want any conference committees appointed," said he. "I have been against that game too often. Your committee goes down to some throne room and gets the frozen face. I have not had anything to do with this Citizens crowd for some time, and right here I want to say that I wouldn't vote for a —— man on the Orphans ticket. It's time to take your independency tonight and get in snape for the presidential campaign.

"I have come to the conclusion that there is —— little in this reforming business. I have been working at it since 1871, and it appears to me the more you try to reform that 'o'mayer' the other fellow gets."

R. W. Guthrie also made a speech in which he urged the organizing of the Democrats. While he is a member of the Orphans ward committee he said that he had not fully determined whether he would support that ticket, but reserved the right to vote for the best men, regardless of party. W. E. Howley accused him of not being a Democrat.

The Orphans have filed a petition in court claiming the exclusive right to use the party appellation in the First, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third, Twenty-seventh, Thirty-second, Thirty-seventh wards. Other petitions will be filed later.

# WOMAN'S ASSAILANT PROMPTLY ARRESTED

eptured With Blood on Hands and Taken Away Owing to Intense Feeling.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

LIANCE, O., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Abram ssler, a prominent resident of 1th Seneca avenue was the victim of terrible assault shortly after 9 o'clock tonight. She was in a outhouse in rear of the residence when she was ttronted by a man with a knife who ntered to kill her.

She was knocked down but managed to get to her feet again and screamed for help, when her assailant struck her several times more. Alarmed at her screams the man made his escape.

Mrs. Abrigler's nose was broken and her face terribly cut and bruised. A few hours after the assault a man giving his name as Wilbur Barr, aged 24 years, was arrested with blood on his hands and clothing. He was identified this morning by Mrs. Abrigler.

He was arraigned on a charge of assault and held for court in the sum of $1,000. He was taken to jail at Canton on account of the intense feeling against him here.

# RIB WENT THROUGH THE HEART OF INSANE MAN

Two Attendants of the County Lunatic Hospital at Woodville Sent to Jail on Charge of Murder.

John Shay and James McCollough, attendants in the insane hospital of the Allegheny county home at Woodville, were committed to jail last night by Coroner Jesse M. McGeary charged with the murder of Thomas C. Bell, an inmate who died there Wednesday night shortly after 9 o'clock. Bell was reported to have died from an epileptic fit, but at the coroner's inquest yesterday it was shown that death was due to a broken rib which had punctured the heart during a struggle with the attendants.

Bell was taken to Woodville a number of years ago. Later he was removed to Dixmont. After the insane hospital was erected at the county home, three years ago, he was transferred there again. Bell was known to be subject to epileptic fits. During these attacks he became violent and dangerous. He was a large, strong man and many times had injured the other inmates when in these spells.

He was walking about the ward Wednesday night and was seized with a spasm. Attendants Shay and McCollough caught Bell, and he struggled and wrestled with the men in the most violent manner. The attendants threw him on the floor and fell on a straight-jacket on him. The impact of the fall rendered Bell insensible. Physicians J. L. Srodes and William Scott were summoned, but when they reached the man's side he was dead.

Word was sent to the coroner's office that Bell had died during a spasm. Deputy Coroner Frank J. Rohan was detailed to Woodville to make an investigation. When he learned of the struggle he ordered a post-mortem examination. Dr. Walter G. McCandless and Physicians Srodes and Scott found that Bell had a rib broken when thrown by the attendants, which had penetrated his heart, killing him almost instantly.

Deputy Coroner Rohan reported the matter to Coroner McGeary, who issued commitments against McCollough and Shay charging them with murder. Armed with these warrants Deputy Coroner James Longmer went to Woodville and placed the men under arrest. Coroner McGeary will set the date for the inquest today. Bell was 35 years old and was a machinist before he became demented. He lived in East Pittsburgh and leaves a widow and three children. His family were out to see him Monday. Shay and McCollough have been connected with the county home for three months. Superviser Smilten says both are careful and prudent men.

# $50,000 SECURED BY A SWINDLER

Deposited Forged Stock Certificates With Local Bank, and Later Sold Them.

A YEAR TO COMPLETE DEAL

It is being whispered about that a Pittsburgh banking institution was neatly swindled out of $50,000, and detectives, it is said, are on the lookout for the smooth man who worked the trick, but so far no trace has been discovered of the swindler. The man's description has been telegraphed all around, but it is the opinion of the swindled bankers and all connected with the case that one distinctive mark on the man will be found missing if the culprit is ever located. He had a large scar across his face, but it is thought this was a part of his plan.

There came to Pittsburgh about this time last year a man who, with his wife, secured fine apartments and immediately began to make acquaintances through joining a well-known church. He opened an account with a local bank, making a deposit of $3,000. With checks against this account he paid his local bills and also bills for goods purchased in New York and Philadelphia. As time passed the stranger's account was added to until it reached $10,000. Current expenses, a donation of $50 to a worthy local charity and several other bills ran the balance down to $8,000, but it did not remain at that figure long, for additions put it up to $18,000, the largest it ever had been.

In addition to this balance on a checking account the stranger had a receipt from the bank showing that he had deposited with the institution stock certificates to the amount of 100 shares in a high-class industrial. These were deposited after the slick one had been doing business at the banking institution for about six months. He had acquired a reputation for being a good solid citizen, and his standing was strengthened by credentials from the east, which on investigation have proved to be forgeries.

In depositing the stocks the swindler stated that he did not want a safe deposit box, but would like to have them kept in a safe place for him. The stocks were turned over, were closely examined, appeared to be all right in every particular and the receipt was given for them.

The smooth one, about a month ago, went to a prominent broker of the city, told him of the stocks he possessed, showed the bank receipt for them, and declared he wanted to dispose of them when the market was at the right mark. The order was placed on the broker's books, and the latter's New York representative was told to offer the shares on the New York stock exchange at the price mentioned. Two weeks ago the swindler received a telephone message stating that the stocks had been sold.

The broker immediately had a visit from the alleged owner of the stock, and in exchange for his receipt he was given a check for $85,000, the broker in the meantime having seemingly convinced himself by investigation at the banking institution that the stranger had the stocks in question.

On getting the check the stranger went to the bank, where he had a standing because of his $50,000 deposit, and had it cashed, stating, incidentally, that he had another deal on hand in which he wanted to use the cash. He never has been seen since.

Taking the receipt for the stock to the banking institution, one of the broker's clerks asked for the stock. Getting the certificate in his hands, something aroused his suspicion, and an investigation began. The result was that the stock was found to be a clever forgery, photographic plates having been used to work the game.

The stranger cleared up $50,000 on the deal after working a year on it. He left the $35,000 deposit remaining in the institution, but got cash for the $85,000 stock.

# PLUMBING INSPECTOR TO HAVE AN ASSISTANT

Ordinance Creating Office Is Presented in Allegheny Common Council.

Allegheny common council met last night in regular session and acted on no ordinance of much importance. A measure to create an assistant plumbing inspector was introduced and referred to the finance committee. At the suggestion of Thomas W. McHenry, the ordinance refunding to the H. J. Heinz Company $1,185 for improvements made on the municipal hospital was recalled and referred again to the committee on finance. The ordinance prohibiting the running of automobiles in Riverview park was also recalled and referred to the committee on public safety.

Upon the second ward, the following measures were presented and referred: Ordinances changing the grade of Verner avenue; fixing the salaries of the stenographer, draughtsman and messenger in the office of the bureau of engineers at $100 a month each; fixing the price of all switch licenses at $100 each; widening Strawberry lane, and authorizing the construction of a public sewer in Solar street.


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# HUSBAND SEEKS FILIPINO WIFE

Love Awakes When He Hears the Woman Is Searching for Him.

POVERTY SEPARATED HEARTS

Marie Armitar, a Filipino woman, who came to Pittsburgh last week in pursuit of her American husband, who, she said, had deserted her, is now being searched for by the man. He is a Pittsburgher and gives his name as Andrew Thompson. The notice in the papers that the woman was in the city caused Thompson some uneasiness, and last night he applied to the police at the Union station to assist him in locating her.

When leaving Pittsburgh the woman said she was going to Columbus barracks and Leavenworth. It is expected the woman will be located and the husband and wife reunited, which will end a romance of two years.

Thompson enlisted in the Forty-seventh infantry, United States volunteers, and was assigned to duty in the Philippines. In 1902 he was sent with his regiment to Passinang. While there he became acquainted with the girl, and after a few days married her. Her father is said to be wealthy, owning acreage in the rice, sugar and fish industry.

Two months after the wedding the regiment was ordered back to Manilla. Having married against her father's wishes, he refused to send her the money with which to accompany her husband. Thompson, getting only $14 a month, was unable to take her with him.

Shortly after reaching Manilla the regiment was ordered to San Francisco and Thompson received a big lot of shares in a high-class industrial. These were deposited after the slick one had been doing business at the banking institution for about six months. He had acquired a reputation for being a good, solid citizen, and his standing was strengthened by credentials from the east, which on investigation have proved to be forgeries.

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ANDREW CARNEGIE PAYS HALF COST OF ORGAN

The building committee of the First Baptist church of McKeesport yesterday received a check for $1,750 from Andrew Carnegie, in payment of half the cost of the new pipe organ recently ordered by the congregation. The Rev. Warren S. Danley, D. D., pastor of the First Cumberland Presbyterian church of McKeesport, yesterday received notification from James Bertram, private secretary to Mr. Carnegie, that the latter would be pleased to pay half the cost of a new $3,000 pipe organ for the church.

Pupils Suffer from Cold.

The pupils of No. 9 public school, Glassport, have been compelled to move twice on account of the cold weather, combined with a scarcity of gas. The school first moved to the Presbyterian church, but yesterday the church got so cold that the pupils had to be taken to a store room, which was rented for a temporary school room.


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Men head their gift lists of gift things very often with Furs, and they like to throw around that sort of a gift considerable secrecy. Now, man doesn't understand furs like woman, and he is often suspicious of his selection. To avoid all suspicion, to be unquestionably sure of your furs, the best plan is to come to us, where you are safe on furs—and thus avoid all uneasiness regarding the selection you make for wife, mother or sister.

The thing that puzzles men most is to get their furs, have everything right and spring a great surprise on the recipient. Well, that is a rather perplexing proposition. We're willing to help you out, and we think we can fix everything to your entire satisfaction.

If you will come to our Fur Department our experts in furs will show you the different grades of coats and neckpieces, tell you exactly what they are, and quote lowest prices. Of course, if you select a coat, you should be absolutely correct on the size "she" takes.

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*Children's Furs.*

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## Christmas Sale of Hassocks, 25c.

They will be sold in the Rug Department, fourth floor, East Store. The East Store elevators will take you right into the department, and if you have never been there you will probably open your eyes.

These Hassocks are made of fine Brussels carpet, the carpet that wears longer than any other kind, and they are 50c goods—some stores charge 75c for them.

Choice today from several hundred for 25c each.

### The Sale of Men's Overcoats,

Introducing a sale of overcoats for strictly reduced prices just at the height of the Christmas season was the right thing to do

1,800 Overcoats went on sale yesterday, and that means just as good choice today as yesterday. The employer who intends presenting some of his favorite employes with nice overcoats should consult the following list:

Overcoats that sold for $10.00 reduced to $7.00.
Overcoats that sold for $12.00 reduced to $9.00.
Overcoats that sold for $15.00 reduced to $11.75.
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How many amateur photographers do you know who would thank you for a first class Kodak? How many people of your acquaintance have you heard say would like to own a Kodak?

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### Furniture for Men's Use.

If he has a den or a private nook, nothing would please him better than a piece of den furniture.

If he has a room that he simply calls his smoking room—why then give him a piece of furniture that would serve for that kind of a room.

In our Furniture Department, fifth floor, West Store, the most suggestive pieces for either of the foregoing are the Arts and Crafts Furniture and the Mission Furniture.

In either there is complete assortments, and both are sold for popular prices.

### The Smoking Jackets.

Make haste if you want us to furnish him the Smoking Jacket—be sure and bring his chest measure, so as to avoid the trouble of after-Christmas exchange.

We ask you to use a little haste simply because the Smoking Jackets are going out faster than we ever knew them to during any Christmas season before.

$5.00 and $6.00 and on up—$65.00, if you say so.

### The Famous Cross Leather Goods.

Cross, of London, makes leather goods—gloves, and leggins and all sorts of leather novelties, as well as kit bags and suit cases and trunks—that are famous the world over as superior to any other similar goods.

Superior goods find their way to our store quickly. We have just received many different lines of the Cross goods, and their arrival fills in a niche among the practical holiday things.

In the Men's Department will be found Cross' Gloves and Leggins.

At the Glove counter for women will be found Cross' Gloves fashioned to meet the most critical of feminine tastes.

At the Leather Goods counter there are all sorts of Cross' leather novelties.

In the Trunk Department, Basement, East Store, there are the famous Cross Kit bags and Carlton bags and the Cross Postal and Washington Bags. These travelers' accompaniments are all that anyone could wish, being much better than the ordinary run of traveling bags.

### A Splendid Holiday Dress Goods Offer.

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Derby and soft hats for $2.00, $3.00 and $4.00—you will find them better than most hats at same prices.

## Photograph Frames, 25c Each.

We always make it a point to have a special sale of Photo Frames about the last week in Christmas, and today our annual sale begins, foot of stairway leading to mezzanine floor in West Store.

The Photograph Frames we will sell you for 25c comprise a great lot that we bought for a wonderful concession—not one in the collection but what sells at 50c in a regular way, and many ranging in price up to $1.25—your unrestricted choice for 25c

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### Brass Beds for Gifts.

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Our brass beds are of an extra good quality, there are both plain styles and styles with considerable ornamentation.

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$28.00 for $37.50 Beds.
$50.00 for $56.00 Beds.

and on through a range of similar reductions to $75.00 for $100.00 beds.

### Christmas Gifts in the Housefurnishing Department.

A wonderful department when it comes to rummaging for gift things—a department that probably has more pertinent suggestions than any other department in the store. Allow us, if you please, to suggest—

Chafing Dishes.
5 o'clock Tea Kettles.
Dinner Gongs.
Hot Water Serving Plates.
Brass and Iron Andirons.
Coffee Machines, all the best makes.
Porcelain Coffee Biggins,

and many other like articles that especially please women.

### Hints for Christmas Gifts in the Art Needlework Department.

There's a department in which you can indulge your fancy to a wide range, a department having more things, both practical and ornamental, to please women and girls, than we can enumerate. Indeed, we would not try to state concisely, so here's just a hint:

Satin covered Pin Cushions (glove and handkerchief boxes), handpainted and lace trimmed Cushions, 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 each.

Fancy Paper Christmas Bells, 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00 each.

All kinds of Paper Novelties, 5c each and up to 50c.

Stuffed Animals, the Hagenbeck menagerie, 15c each and up to $5.

### Our Picture Galleries.

If you knew our Picture Store when it was on the Mezzanine Floor you can gauge the size of it now when we tell you it is about five times its former size. It is on Fourth Floor, West Store.

There is every kind of picture there that a picture gallery should have, the inexpensive little print on through a range of pictures up to the painting in oils.

No trouble in selecting pictures there, indeed customers can help themselves almost, as the price of the pictures are all marked in plain figures. That's an advantage. Say some subject has taken possession of you—you have the price—"Here's my address, send this picture to me"—and you are through. Easy, isn't it?

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Friday, December 18, 1903.

A brief dispatch from Washington announces that Mr. Merry, United States minister to Nicaragua, has notified the state department that Nicaragua "has recognized the new republic of Panama to the extent of appointing a consul to Panama city." The matter is of some significance for two reasons; first, because Nicaragua has a canal concession of its own to dispose of, and, second, as indicating that the South and Central American republics are not as angry about the attitude of the United States as some persons have tried to make it appear. One might have expected that, next to Colombia, Nicaragua would have been the last of them to do anything that might be construed as a recognition of the new state.

The present situation with regard to the electric light contract is one that puts the city at a great disadvantage. Under efficient administration action would have been taken to protect the public interests in anticipation of such an emergency. As matters stand the letting of the service by contract is a farce, as there can be only one real bidder, the Philadelphia Company being the only concern that is in a position to render the service. It can therefore fix any price it may think prudent to charge. Other cities have been able to secure electric lighting at much lower prices than Pittsburgh, but it has been because the municipal authorities gave the matter timely attention and made arrangements to secure the service at fair rates.

Evidence of spite work has been so plain in the efforts to defeat confirmation of Gen. Wood's appointment to his present rank that the testimony presented to the senate committee has had very little effect upon public opinion. Such a statement as that made by Secretary Root before the committee will outweigh all that Gen. Wood's enemies can rake up when the vindictive motive of the assaults upon his reputation is so apparent. The plan to force Gen. Wood to leave his command and appear before the committee appears to have been dropped, as the committee has postponed further action until January 4, and it is announced that in the meanwhile the evidence will be examined and reports upon it prepared. It is expected that the majority report will be favorable to Gen. Wood.

There is a probability that Pennsylvania may have the honor of furnishing chairmen for the national committees of both the great political parties for the campaign next year. Senator Penrose has been put forward for the Republican committee in the event that Senator Hanna declines to continue in that position, and now our Philadelphia correspondent discloses a movement in favor of Col. James M. Guffey of this city for the chairmanship of the Democratic committee. The committees might go farther and fare worse. Senator Boies Penrose is a competent political manager, with energy and experience. Col. Guffey, too, would bring to the work ability of a high order and experience worth the while. As Pennsylvania is not to have the conventions, it will furnish the campaign managers with pleasure.

An interesting colloquy took place between Senator Hoar of Massachusetts and Senator Foraker of Ohio over the information sent to the senate by President Roosevelt, and Mr. Hoar's request for more proof that the United States did nothing to foment the Panama revolution. At the end Mr. Foraker had the better of the argument. Mr. Hoar declared he did not doubt the president's word, but wanted assurance made doubly sure, while Mr. Foraker contended that President Roosevelt's assertion was all the proof he wanted or needed. The public is likely to agree with Mr. Foraker. The president said enough to convince the American people, at least, that the course of the United States has been clean, honorable and wise throughout, though we doubt not Mr. Roosevelt will be willing to submit absolute proof. As for Senator Gorman's charge that Assistant Secretary Loomis violated the proprieties, it is a mere partisan outburst, indicating that Loomis took some wind out of Democratic sails.

It turns out to be a fact that a body of Colombian troops has been landed on the western side of the gulf of Darien and are encamped just north of the Atrato river, on the frontier of Panama. They are reported to be busy in fortifying their position, for what practical purpose it is impossible to conceive. The affair is a demonstration of no practical importance, as that place is a long way off from the settled portion of the isthmus and there are no roads across the intervening country through which it would be difficult for even an exploring expedition to make its way, although traveling light and carrying only food supplies. The emotional state of mind in which the movement was conceived is shown by the absurd demand made upon Lieut. Perrill of the Atlanta on detached service in a whaleboat, that he should fly the Colombian flag because he was in Colombian waters. Nothing is to be apprehended of an expedition begun under such auspices and if let alone it will collapse of its own weakness and incapacity.

The passage of the Cuban reciprocity bill, which was signed by the president yesterday, and enforced by his proclamation putting it into effect, was a distinct triumph for the forces of public sentiment, as the senate would have liked to have defeated it as it has done all other reciprocity agreements negotiated since the passage of the Dingley tariff bill. There has never been any difficulty as regards the house of representatives, which is directly amenable to public opinion. The senate would not allow the first reciprocity bill passed by the house to come to a vote, the filibusters' behavior by pretense of apprehensions that a general overhauling of the tariff would be precipitated, but assurances were given that if the arrangement were embodied in a treaty it would be ratified. This was done, but even then serious changes were made and then it was provided that the treaty should not take effect until approved by the house. When congress met in extra session the house promptly enacted the requisite legislation and again the senate postponed action. Only the president's perseverance, sustained by the steady pressure of public sentiment, succeeded in getting through a measure which undoubtedly expresses the will of the nation. The fact that this expression was so long and difficult to obtain is a serious reflection upon the republican character of the government in its practical operation as determined by senate procedure.

## *Gov. Taft's Plan.*

Details of the settlement with the Philippine friars and the plans of Gov. Taft's government for final disposition of the lands, have been received in Washington. The main features of the agreement were published yesterday, together with the price to be paid. The salient point in the later advices is the plan for selling the lands acquired from the friars to Filipinos on long-time payments. This plan appears to be modeled after the Irish land tenure bill recently enacted by the British parliament, but superior to the latter in several particulars.

Gov. Taft's plan contemplates an issue of bonds for the payment of the friars. Afterward the lands are to be sold to Filipino farmers on long-time payments, the proceeds to go into the Philippine treasury for the benefit of the whole people, including the purchasers of the land. In this detail, at least, they will have some advantage over the Irish homesteaders. The plan looks feasible and one cannot well conceive another of more advantage to the islands. Anything that will divert the energies of the natives to useful industrial effort will be for their improvement. The Spanish rule did more to foment thoughts of rebellion in the native mind and the administration of the friars tended to create dissatisfaction, the bulk of the rewards for native labor going to the pockets of the landholders. We believe Gov. Taft has laid a solid foundation in the Philippines for good government and orderly development. This latest achievement is one of great importance, leading to that end. And when the structure so well begun is completed it will reflect credit upon American administrative ability and American motives.

## *A Superstitious Objection.*

Efforts to find some means of thwarting popular sentiment and defeating the nomination of President Roosevelt have been so fruitless that in default of rational argument his detractors are now making an appeal to political superstition. It is announced that no accidental president has ever been elected to succeed himself, as if that were a rule of our politics expressing a settled disposition of public opinion. As a matter of fact there is no such disposition, but each case has been dealt with according to the circumstances of the occasion, and in the few cases which have occurred of vice presidential succession popular sentiment did not favor re-election. That is no reason why popular sentiment should not be gratified when it does favor re-election.

It has so happened that in every case of vice presidential succession hitherto there were special circumstances excluding the incumbent from serious consideration as a candidate. The first case was that of John Tyler, who broke with the Whig party which had elected him on the ticket with Harrison, and whose support in congress was so small that it was known as "the corporal's guard." Millard Fillmore, who succeeded to the presidency by the death of Taylor, alienated northern sentiment by signing the fugitive slave law, and abandoned the Whig party to cast in his fortunes with the Native American party which nominated him for president. Andrew Johnson too broke with his party and arrayed public sentiment against him. Chester A. Arthur's individuality, while it commanded respect, was involved in a deplorable feud which made his candidacy impossible. This completes the list, and nowhere in it is there any parallel to the present situation. Whereas, heretofore the special circumstances have been strongly against choice of the incumbent they are now overwhelmingly in favor of it.

It is now generally forgotten that the original rule of our politics was that the vice presidency was the stepping stone to the presidency. Both John Adams and Jefferson passed from the vice presidency to the presidential office. The formation of new party divisions, and the practice of making nominations by the congressional caucus, shifted the line of presidential succession to the cabinet. When the traditional two terms had expired, the incumbent retired to private life and the secretary of state was promoted to the vacancy. Thus Madison, Monroe and John Quincy Adams succeeded to the presidency, and the cabinet resembled the senate in being a continuous body, each president as he went into office retaining his old associates. During this period the vice presidential nomination was bestowed as a compliment to some prominent outsider, as a means of strengthening the party interests, New York being particularly favored in this way. With the election of Andrew Jackson and the overthrow of the congressional caucus, it seemed at first likely that the old rule of action would be revived. Van Buren was elected as vice president on the Jackson ticket and was elected president as Jackson's successor. The establishment of the convention system, however, introduced the practice of treating the vice presidential nomination as a political make-weight to give geographical balance to the ticket.

Roosevelt's case stands alone. He was never a candidate for vice president, but on the contrary, there was an immense manifestation of popular favor for him as a presidential candidate. The vice presidential nomination was forced upon him and was submitted to reluctantly, in obedience to party demand, and with the general understanding that in his case it put him in the line of presidential succession as in the early days of the republic. The popular favor with which he was regarded then has been intensified since by his course as president. The mass of the people regard him as their representative, in whose ability, courage, rectitude, energy and judgment they have enthusiastic confidence. It is this state of public sentiment which assures his nomination and which will accomplish his election, although there will doubtless be a bitter fight, as the class interests which would defeat him for the nomination if they could, may carry their hostility into the campaign.

## *Chamberlain's Commission.*

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain is having striking success with his proposition to have an expert commission inquire into the matter of a protective tariff for Great Britain, with reciprocal preferences between the mother country and the colonies. The idea has taken quick hold, following the Chamberlain-Conservative victories in Lewisham and Dulwich. Among the gentlemen who have volunteered to act on the commission are Alfred Mosely of American commission fame; Sir Andrew Noble, vice chairman Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., the British gunmakers and shipbuilders; Charles Booth, president of the Royal Statistical society; Sir Arthur Keene, vice president Institute of Electrical Engineering and vice president British Iron and Steel Institute; Sir William T. Lewis, president of the South Wales Institute of Financiers and a vice president of the Iron and Steel Institute; Sir Vincent Gaillard, president of the London agency of the National Bank of Egypt; Hon. Charles A. Parsons, inventor of the steam turbine and proprietor of a large electrical engineering works at Newcastle; C. A. Pearson, newspaper publisher; Charles Allen, nephew to Sir Henry Bessemer. The list includes as many more names of equally distinguished men of affairs and is, therefore, indicative of most serious consideration of the subject.

Free trade has so long been the fiscal gospel of Great Britain that Chamberlain's first assault was a shock to the public. The shock has passed. Obviously protection sentiment had been smouldering in the British mind and the pamphlet of Prime Minister Balfour and the brief campaign of former Secretary Chamberlain have fanned it to flame. The proposition to have a tariff is no longer a novelty. It is being discussed pro and con as a reasonable thing. Now it will be investigated and there can be little doubt about the tenor of the report to be made by the commission.

Prof. Shaler, dean of the Lawrence Scientific school at Harvard, brings a sharp accusation against the present quality of students there. He has been there 30 years and says he has been accustomed to meeting with gentlemen, but for the last two or three years "classes of loafers have been coming into college." The conduct which occasioned the remark justified it, as a teacher who acted as temporary substitute for Prof. Shaler was made a target for copper cents, chalk, books, old shoes and other missiles.

The candidacy of the Hon. H. K. Porter for re-election to congress is not formally announced, but Mr. Porter recognizes the large measure of truth there is in the frequently made assertion that the value of a congressman's services to his constituents and to the nation broadens with the lengthening of his term in the halls of the legislature.

The Hon. Mark Hanna's latest letter declaring that he is not and will not be a candidate for president attracts less attention than former epistles did, inasmuch as it is apparent that he means what he says.

While the Berlin Wagner society refers witheringly to the United States as "the land of dollars," it isn't expected to make either the dollars or the land of them any less popular in musical circles.

Colombian troops are, after all, gathering near the isthmus of Panama, looking for trouble, and there is no disguising the fact that if they find it they will find more than they can accommodate.

Alexandretta is another Turkish seaport that is introduced to the American reading public. If this sort of thing continues we will soon be familiar with the geography of the Turkish coasts.

Senator Bailey of Texas is, for the present, assuming to do the talking for the Democratic party, but the people of the United States are doing the thinking for the nation.

All Democratic presidential booms are lying low or roosting high until after the meeting of the Democratic national committee on January 12.

The Philippine friars also get something nice from Uncle Sam to add pleasure to the Christmas season. Cuba is not the only pebble.

While Cuba can't enter the sisterhood of states, Cuban products may now enter more freely.

If turkey becomes too high-priced for the plain people next week they will stick to plain fare.

A drop in eggs would be appreciated—that is, a drop in the price of eggs.

## The Quiet Observer.

ERASMUS WILSON.

Whole milk, skim milk, buttermilk, cream!
Bacteriological phenomena, team!
Strepto-coccus, bolsh-evicus!
Keep 'em up a tree!
D. C. dairy boys, 1903!

—College Yell.

Thus the students of the dairy department of the University of California yell when they feel like cutting loose and making a noise.

Boys will be boys, you know; or at least that is what they say.

Girls are different.

And yet it has been told of the big girls at an eastern college that they got up a yell, but they couldn't make it go. Falsetto doesn't at all bring out the beauties, the force and the roundness of the yell. It does well enough for a screech or a scream, or for a picnic laugh, but for a college yell it is no good.

What business have college girls with a college yell, anyway; seeing they are all good tamers with voices to match and no limit to the game?

And then, they never get so ranked up with enthusiasm and things that they must either yell or burst. They do get cross, even furious, sometimes, but that is a very little in comparison with the loads of hot air and stuff the boys take on occasionally.

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The hapless modern wight is
Sick with appendicitis;
But what to him
Is wrong and grim
To the physician right is.

When "practice" growing slight is,
The doctor's sole delight is
To sit up late
In solemn state
Inventing something "itis."

He's made mosquito-bitis,
And alcohol tightis,
Until today
The suffix gay
Unquestionably trite is.

In fact the sick man's plight is
A state of constant frightis,
It seems to me
There soon will be
An awful rumpuestis!

—New Orleans Picayune.

How is that for poetry?

A real poet would not print it last poetry at all, and yet a lot more people will read and laugh over it, and even charge their minds with it, than would read really poetical quotations that measure and scan all right.

The fellow who wrote that probably used a jack-knife, gimlet and monkey-wrench, for how else could he have licked it into shape, seeing that it is made of mighty knotty stuff. But he did it.

You see, he had set himself to do it, and when a fellow sets himself that way it is simply wonderful what he can do.

And when he don't, nor won't, set himself to do things it is no less wonderful what a lot of right and proper things he lets go undone. You may have, at some time or other, surprised your friends, and yourself most of all, by doing things you gladly thought you would do. And don't you remember the good feeling that went along with the surprise—as good as the feeling that followed your failure was bad?

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By-bye, by-bye, dear little fly,
It is so sad that you must die,
Alas! a tear stands in our eye—
We'll miss you from both stew and fry—
By-bye, ta ta; alas! by-bye.

—Hood River Glacier.

Now, this is something more heartsome, as well as being less of a twister. But what makes it seem better to your estimation, is that you are in hearty sympathy with the poet. In fact he is your style of poet, having said the very thing you would have said if you could.

He is our sort of a poet who sees and tells the things we see and can't tell.

Who cares for a poet who goes rambling and rhyming away into the clouds and beyond, or into the dark, dark past, or into the unexplored future? His lines may scan all right, but who cares a fiddler's blessing whether they do or not? Give us poetry that we can grasp, and that grapples us and won't let go.

This bit of fly poetry, of fly bit of poetry, written as a tail-piece to an essay, or rather a requiem on the fly, as follows:

"There's some satisfaction these cold days, when the thermometer is crouching low and overdraughts are being made on the wood-pile, to think of the flies that bothered the summer hours away. We cannot forget the little tormentor that persisted in planting his sticky little feet on our weary eyelids when we had posed for a summer-day nap, or crawled in and sat on the drum of our ear to buzz his morning ditty. But while we do not and cannot forget, we can and do forgive—and why? Because his eyes are now closed in death. His lashes lie motionless on his pallid cheeks, and his little body, badly swollen, but serene and perfectly composed, is motionless. His little soul is gone—alas, we know not where. Let us trust that it is better with him now than we hope it is. We can hardly hope that he has "gone on before." If he has, we may be excused for desiring to remain right here. And, by the way, why is it that a fly, so dingy and commonplace in life, is so gorgeously arrayed in the cold embrace of death? With alabaster abdomen encircled by bands of resplendent hue, he kneels a frozen corpse, and no warm chinook can ever thaw him out."

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It is all right.

You may not think it is all right with you, but you have another think coming.

Here is where the advice of your elders will do you a lot of good. It may not strike you favorably at the time it is given and all because you have what you are pleased to call modern notions in your head.

The young man of today is not as open to suggestions nor does he take advice as kindly as he ought, considering that he is lacking in experience. His college education will not take the place of hard knocks, and hard knocks are what knock the successful man into good shape. Good advice is often turned down because it suggests work—good, honest work.

Thomas A. Edison's advice to a young man who queried of him advice as to success, "Don't watch the clock," deserves a place in the rules of any young man who is ambitious and striving for success in any line. Don't be a time server. Remember that you are working for something more than a stipulated sum for a certain number of hours. Keep your employer in your debt by doing a little more of a little better work than is actually required of you, and sooner or later there will come a day of reckoning when you will get your pay.

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As in the literary world, there is a deal of doggerel in the poetry of life, so-called. Jingle is mistaken for sense, or taken for it through preference, but jingle soon dies out, and those who have neither poetry nor sense, many of those who marry in these modern times do so for the fun of a wedding, or to be in style, or because they think it a good investment. And the singular thing about it is that people of sense, apparently, approve of marriage of this type, notwithstanding they have awful examples all around.

How quickly the promoters of a marriage forget. While it is on the tapis they are being observant and ever on the alert for pointers, but as soon as it is over and the honeymoon has faded, they seem to forget all about it, never noting whether it was a right and proper match or not. Nor do these promoters of matches ever profit by experience, but go right on promoting regardless of consequences.

It matters little, or none whatever, whether you are married in style or without style. The ceremonial part of it is of the least importance. In fact, it is no serious importance, since the real marriage—the joining of hearts, the blending of souls—is a thing independent of ceremonies.

What difference is it whether your marriage has been conducted according to forms laid down by Miss Finnicky, or whether you have followed the promptings of your own hearts and the suggestions of your own minds?

However, here are answers, proper and correct as to present form, to some queries by a Swissvale reader:

Cards of announcement for a quiet wedding should be sent out the morning following the ceremony by the parents of the bride.

An envelope is addressed to Mr. and Mrs. William B. ——— with street address on the outside envelope and the name only—Mr. and Mrs. William B. ——— on the inside envelope.

When sending to two sisters the superscription should be the Misses B——— on the inner envelope and on the outside envelope the Misses B——— with the street adress and city, etc.

It would certainly be very out of the way to have envelopes pertaining to any social matter other than hand written.

## Talked of in New York

GEORGE C. JENKS.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—One of the little tricks of trade not generally known to the control by high class merchants of stores in the cheaper shopping districts. Thus, you may go to a store in Fifth avenue or Broadway where the customers are all of the wealthy and exclusive class. Listening to the mellifluous dissertations of the carefully-dressed clerks and floor walkers, as they receive your valued patronage, and noting the subdued aristocratic atmosphere pervading the place, you would suppose that no one connected with the firm had any idea of the way things are done in Sixth avenue or Fourteenth street. The smiling gentleman who stands near the door to bow you in and who looks like a banker rather than a dry goods usher, may have heard of such places, but of course he could not do business there. The young women behind the counters smile supercilliously if the cheaper stores a few blocks away are mentioned. Evidently, they do not consider it good form even to recognize the existence of such establishments.

Yet, it is a fact known to the inside that all the great aristocratic dry goods firms have a sort of underground connection with certain bargain places in the rough-and-tumble shopping neighborhood. The men at the head of the highly-respectable store which would not think of exhibiting goods in show windows may be identified with the manager of a great department store, where you buy things at $1 48, and where there are special bargains on 4 cent and 11 cent counters every day. All this is business. The firms which appeal especially to the wealthy women of upper Fifth avenue do not want the tide of gold which flows along Fifth avenue to escape them, so they make a working agreement of some kind, and the result is a powerful showing on the right side of the balance sheet each year. But they never mention it, of course. It is just one of those commercial bumbugs which may flourish in other cities than New York, for all I know.

### Mr. Watson Eager to Get Home.

Among the passengers on the White Star liner, Teutonic, when she came into dock this morning was the Hon. David T. Watson, the distinguished Pittsburgh lawyer. He was met by a number of Pittsburghers, who welcomed him home at the gangplank, and for a few minutes he held a levee that evidently gave him pleasure. He said he was glad to be in New York again, and would be still more so when he reached home in Pittsburgh. He will probably leave New York tonight. Mr. Watson would not talk about the brilliant speech he made before the Alaska boundary commission in London, declaring that he was too tired to talk about anything. All he wanted was to get home. He said he had had a rough voyage home on the Teutonic, but that he had enjoyed his European trip on the whole. He looked exceedingly well, and admitted that he was in splendid health.

### Guarding Against Catastrophy.

Popular opinion here is that the closing of the Brooklyn bridge during the ceremonies of opening the new Williamsburg bridge will be a wise precaution. Police Commissioner Greene and Bridge Commissioner Lindenthal are responsible for it. They have announced that the promenade and north roadway—which will be the one nearest to Williamsburg—will be kept clear. No one has forgotten that there was a frightful accident 20 years ago, when the Brooklyn bridge was opened, and it is determined to prevent a repetition of it on Saturday, if human foresight can do it. The Brooklyn bridge would be a splendid position from which to view the fire works on the new bridge, and the chances of an awful catastrophe would be about 10 to 1.

### Playground for All the People.

Skating is going on in the parks of Greater New York. Prospect park, Brooklyn, where the "red ball" went up yesterday, has been in the possession of the skaters for several days, although official permission did not come until this morning. But the police do not interfere with fun in Prospect park unless there is absolute danger. Brooklynites always insist that their park is a real people's playground, and they cast contemptuous glances at Central park when they say it. Regulations in Manhattan are a little stiffer than across the East river, and there is no use in denying it.

### Another Field for Genius.

Between snowstorms is a good time to experiment with new appliances for fighting the snow on the elevated railway. One of these devices employed with fair success this winter is a scraper, which moves along in front of the "shoe" and scratches the snow off the contact rail. The principal objection to the scraper is that it screeches piteously, setting the teeth of passengers on edge. Now the company says it has something better than this scraper. It is a "bus line" cable, connecting all the cars in a train, so that if only one "shoe" is taking up the electric current from the third rail, the power will be evenly distributed the whole length of the train. It is believed this will effectually prevent blockades in snowstorms. It is understood that the scrapers will remain, but will be supplanted by the new cable. If anyone has invented a means of making "L" travel even passably good in wintry weather he will have the gratitude of several millions of New Yorkers.

### Good Citizen While in Prison.

Gov. Odell will have a delicate question submitted to him soon by Warden Johnson of Sing Sing prison. It is whether an exemplary prisoner, whose merit consists in his strictly obeying the prison rules, is necessarily a good citizen when at large. Mr. Johnson will try to obtain a pardon for a long-term man in his care, believing he deserves his freedom on the grounds here given. The prisoner is serving 20 years for stealing some lead pipe. It was his second offense of the kind, and he got 10 years for that in addition to 10 years for the felony. Whisky caused his trouble in both cases.

### Pittsburgh Art on the Walls.

Pittsburgh artists will be well represented at the coming exhibition at the National Academy of Design. I saw several canvasses this morning which have been on the walls of the Carnegie hall art gallery. An expert, who was looking them over with me, remarked that they were creditable to Pittsburgh, and would prove interesting to art lovers in this city, when they came to be hung at the academy. John W. Beatty, art director of Carnegie hall, is in New York.

### Few Are Chosen.

Whether 25 per cent of the population of New York attend church every Sunday is a question that has been answered in the negative by a prominent minister here. He declares that the estimate of 25 per cent which was made lately by a close observer of religious matters, is misleading because many of the persons counted in that percentage go twice a day. The figures were based on the attendance all day on Sunday. This minister says regretfully, that it cannot be truthfully said that more than 10 per cent of the population go to church at all. This has been brought out in connection with a project for a general religious revival in this city.

### Pittsburghers In New York.

The following Pittsburghers are registered at the New York hotels today:

**Waldorf-Astoria.**
G. T. Braden,
C. W. Brown,
E. Pitcairn,
C. F. Tow,
G. Merida,
W. C. Jutte.

**Holland.**
D. G. Kerr,
J. W. Beatty,
A. C. Keller,
James Park, Jr.,
D. A. Park,
J. C. Thaw,
Mrs. Thaw,
F. B. Smith,
A. M. Neeper.

**Albemarle.**
D. T. Watson,
Mrs. Watson.

**Westminster.**
H. Clay Russell.

**Manhattan.**
F. W. Baker,
J. W. Anderson,
W. L. Clark.

**Victoria.**
J. Young,
Thomas W. Phee,
F. Bailey,
B. F. Harkins.

**Astor.**
C. F. Weis.

**Herald Square.**
J. P. Jones,
J. F. McMahon,
C. J. Affelder.

**Darlheldi.**
A. J. Schaner,
Mrs. Schaner.

**Imperial.**
E. J. Bogle,
Mrs. Jones,
Harry Davis,
Fred D. Land,
Mrs. Land,
W. T. Drill.

**Criterion.**
J. Burns.

**Navarre.**
E. A. May.

**Fifth Avenue.**
John Moser,
H. C. Hays,
Mrs. Hays.

**Hoffman.**
J. J. Jordan,
E. W. Daly.

**Broadway Central.**
R. J. Cadies,
J. B. Drew,
C. G. Kingdom.

**York.**
J. E. Terry,
Mrs. J. E. Terry.

## The Nation's Capital.

L. W. STRAYER.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The United States senate was the scene of a dramatic incident today. George Frisbie Hoar, the senior senator from Massachusetts, again turned his back upon his party, and in a carefully prepared speech placed himself in opposition to the Republican policy as affecting the Panama revolution. It is a serious thing for a man to go public life to do counter to his party, but it is not the first time that Senator Hoar has done so.

It will be remembered that but a few years ago he was the mouthpiece in congress for the so-called anti-imperialists, and his criticism of the administration's policy regarding the Philippine islands were caustic and severe. At that time he made himself the target of the supporters of the president, but those who knew him, and especially his colleagues in the senate, were convinced that he was sincere in his views, and that his course was dictated by his conscience. Today, as he stood upon the floor of the senate chamber and read his speech in that clear, falsetto voice that is so characteristic of him, nearly every senator was in his seat and gave him the closest attention. The Republicans sorrowful that Mr. Hoar's path in this matter should lie at an angle from that of his party, and the Democrats elated that their opposition tactics should have so able a pleader. But it was evident that as the gray haired statesman proceeded the parties and politics were not considered by him in reaching the decision that actuated him in making the speech.

### A Matter of Conscience.

With him it was a matter of conscience, and with the courage of his convictions he spoke out the words that were upon his mind and heart, hewing to the line and letting the chips fall where they might.

This speech was brought about by a resolution introduced a few days ago by himself calling upon the president for all the facts in the possession of the executive branch regarding the revolution in Panama. When this resolution was introduced, it was hoped by the Republicans that Mr. Hoar was merely after information that might clear away many of the doubts that existed in his mind and in others regarding the propriety of the course pursued by the president in this matter. At that time it was not indicated that Senator Hoar intended to oppose the administration's course, though such was feared in the light of his attitude toward our Philippine policy.

But today when he called up the resolution and took the floor to speak upon it, armed with a handful of manuscript, it was easily seen that Mr. Hoar had made up his mind to criticise the administration. His fault finding was couched in very reasonable terms, and on every point he made himself very clear, being specific in his charges and in the deductions which he drew from the reports of events on the isthmus.

### Sincerity Never Doubted.

Senator Hoar is an old man, being now in his seventy-eighth year, and he has been in the senate continually since 1877. His reputation is of the highest as a statesman and a scholar. He has always been an earnest and devoted Republican and has presided over state and national conventions. His advice has been sought and utilized by the leaders of his party, who have appreciated his work and ability. To such a man it would be but natural to wish to spend the few remaining years of his public life in harmony with his friends and his party. So much as he the breaking of these ties, the turning away from the path of his associates is of necessity a difficult thing to do. But, however much his colleagues may criticise his course, and however much they may regret that he has seen fit to make his public repudiation of the Republican policy they all credit him with the sincerest of motives.

### Gorman Saw His Chance.

The last words had scarcely fallen from the aged senator's lips when Senator Gorman, the brilliant leader of the Democracy, secured the recognition of the chair and launched out into a scathing denunciation of President Roosevelt and his policy with regard to Panama. It was one of the cleverest examples of political generalship that congress has witnessed for years. Mr. Gorman had waited his opportunity. He had suspected that Senator Hoar would part company with his party upon this question, and he was prepared to take advantage of it.

Beginning with the fulsome tribute to the courage of the Massachusetts senator and citing instances in which other Massachusetts senators, notably Sumner, had felt obliged to differ with their party, he proceeded to criticise President Roosevelt's actions in the interest terms. With dramatic effect, he demanded to know if the American government had found in the person of President Roosevelt another Napoleon. Continuing in this strain he predicted the defeat of the treaty, and while he chose to speak only for himself, and not as the leader of the minority, he expressed the belief that supporters of the administration would fail to secure the necessary two-thirds majority.

### Made His Title Secure.

Senator Gorman's attack had been well timed and well planned. It was unexpected, and it threw consternation into the ranks of the Republicans. Senators Aldrich, Spooner, Allison, Platt and other stanch adherents of the administration were visibly perturbed at this onslaught and some of them were prepared to meet it. The occasion in itself demonstrated Mr. Gorman's right to the title of Democratic leader, and though the force of his attack was in the suddenness of it rather than in the substance of his argument, yet it placed the Republicans in a most unenviable position. When he had finished it was hoped that Senator Spooner would leap into the arena in defense of the administration, but as Mr. Spooner had spoken yesterday to some length upon the Cuban reciprocity bill, he evidently felt that some of his colleagues should take up the gauntlet in this instance.

### Foraker Saved the Day.

Senator Foraker was the man who came to the president's rescue, and he made a worthy attempt to save the day for the Republican side, although he admitted his unpreparedness. He began with a severe criticism of Senator Hoar's speech, and declared that it should have been delivered in executive session, or better still, should not have been delivered at all.

After paying his respects to the reconcentrated Democracy as represented by the senator from Maryland, who he referred to as "the leader of the Democrats in the senate, and who hopes to be the leader of the Democrats in the country in 1904," Senator Foraker proceeded with an argument in support of President Roosevelt's actions in the Panama matter, and made a very creditable showing. At any rate he served the Republicans from utter rout. There will be another contest and hereafter the Republicans will not be caught napping.

In referring to some of the statements made by Senator Hoar, Mr. Foraker misquoted him, whereupon the Massachusetts statesman came forward promptly on several occasions with corrections, evidently feeling keenly the criticism that was being hurled at him, and declaring that he "declined to be placed in a false position after 34 years' of service within these walls." But he stood to his guns, and refused to retreat in any degree from the position he had taken.

### Fate of Treaty Is Uncertain.

It is yet too early to predict the effect of this dramatic and thrilling debate upon the isthmian canal treaty. With a united Republican front it would have required but three Democratic votes to make the necessary two-thirds majority required to ratify the treaty, and the defection of Senator Hoar only makes it necessary to get the vote of another Democrat.

It is not believed that the Massachusetts senator will have any followers upon the Republican side, and the only doubt with respect to the result lies in whether the Democrats will vote as a unit, in accordance with the caucus rule adopted a few days ago. If they do, the canal treaty may have very rough sledding, but from a poll of the Democratic ranks previously taken, it was shown that more than half a dozen of them had declared in favor of the treaty. Unless their views have been changed, there will still be sufficient votes to ratify it.

### Public Utility Enterprises.

Public opinion is harmonizing in the decision that the private powers of municipalities should be enlarged. Municipalities should have power to engage in public utility enterprises. They have the power to grant privileges to private concerns, and they should be able to assume such privileges themselves. Municipalities may not wish to exercise all such powers, but they should have the right to follow their discretion.—St. Louis Republic.

## The Death Roll.

### Funeral of Robert Adair.

The funeral of Robert Adair, who died Wednesday evening at his home, No. 827 Hamilton avenue, Avalon, after two years' illness of pneumonia, will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock p. m., and will be conducted by the Rev. J. W. Witherspoon of the Fifth United Presbyterian church, Allegheny, assisted by the Rev. D. A. McPhee of the Avalon United Presbyterian church. The interment will be in Uniondale cemetery. Mr. Adair was born April 3, 1825, in County Down, Ireland, and came to America when 15 years of age, settling in Allegheny with his father, three brothers and three sisters. For many years he had charge of several stone-manufacturing plants and later of a car shop at McKeesport. Mr. Adair afterward started a grocery at First and James streets, Allegheny, which he conducted 27 years. In 1895 he retired. On December 30, 1901, his wife, who was Miss Ann Jones of Mercer, died at the then family residence, Sandusky street, Allegheny. Mr. Adair was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian church, having been connected with the Fourth and Fifth churches of Allegheny and the Avalon church. Mr. Adair is survived by five daughters, Mrs. B. F. Porterfield of the East End, Mrs. D. F. Creighton of Ambridge, and Misses Kate, Ella and Maggie, and two sons, Dr. W. G. Adair of Allegheny, and Robert Adair, Jr.

### Mrs. James B. Angell.

Mrs. James B. Angell, wife of the president of the University of Michigan, died at her residence at Ann Arbor yesterday from pneumonia after a brief illness. The university was closed out of respect for her memory and the president's bereavement and will not be reopened until after the holidays. Mrs. Angell, who was born in Providence, R. I., was the daughter of a famous college president, Alexis Caswell, of Brown university, and had spent her whole life in college work. She was married to president Angell in 1868.

Mrs. Angell presided over the American legation of Pekin, China, while Mr. Angell was United States minister to that country. She was also a prominent member of the woman's boards of the World's fair at Chicago. Mrs. Angell is survived by three children, Prof. James B. Angell of Chicago university, Mrs. A. C. McLaughlin of Washington and Alexis C. Angell of Detroit.

### George Heidegger, Sr.

After an illness of several years George Heidegger, Sr., a prominent resident of Rochester, Pa., died yesterday morning. The deceased was born in Vorudelberg, Austria, in 1835. He came to America, locating at Zelienople. He followed the vocation of contracting painter at Zelienople and Bridgewater for several years. Later he located in Allegheny, where he was engaged in the stock brokerage business. Ten years ago he retired from business and removed to Rochester. He is survived by three sons and two daughters. They are: George, Jr., of Allegheny; John T. and Charles R., of Pittsburgh; Mrs. John Longenecker, of Allegheny and Mrs. Charlotte Meyer of Rochester.

### Rev. George Baker.

The Rev. George Baker, 81 years old, a retired minister of the Methodist Protestant church and well-known in this section, died yesterday morning at his home, No. 817 Western avenue, Allegheny. Mr. Baker entered the ministry when a young man and for 20 years was engaged in pastoral work, retiring some years ago from active ministerial duties. He was a member of the First Methodist Protestant church, Union avenue, Allegheny. Seven children survive, Dorsey Baker of this city; W. H. Baker of Ridgway; Frank Baker of Los Gatos; James T. Baker of Alpena; Mrs. Mary Crosby of Allegheny; Mrs. W. A. Grant of Blairsville, and Miss Emma Baker of Allegheny.

### Mary L. Barnes.

Mary L. Barnes, a teacher in the Cherokee Indian school at Darlington, Oklahoma, is dead. She spent 33 years at different points as a missionary and teacher among the Indians. The members of the Barnes family were among the first settlers in the vicinity of Baldwin, Pa. The grandfather of Miss Barnes, Hugh Barnes, built on the old Frankstown road in the old days when iron ore was hauled to the river and sent to Pittsburgh on boats. Deceased was a daughter of Henry Barnes. She is survived by two sisters, Attorney Robert Barnes of Pittsburgh, is a nephew of the deceased. The remains will be brought to Blairsville for burial.

### Alexander W. Pearson.

Alexander W. Pearson is dead, aged 75 years, at Vineland, N. J. He was

# FACTS IN REPORT CALLED UNSTABLE

Former Postmaster General Smith Classes Postal Findings as Misleading.

GILMER IS BADLY SCORED

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Times Building.
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 17.

Charles Emory Smith will tomorrow say editorially in the Press:

The value of the Conrad-Bonaparte report on the Tulloch charges has been settled by the President and the secretary of the treasury. They have treated it as misleading in its statements and unworthy in its conclusions. They have declined to accept its versions and its opinions. That fact suffices to determine its character.

The irregularities in the Washington city postoffice, as charged by Tulloch, were examined by T. W. Gilmer, an examiner from the office of the comptroller of the treasury. Gilmer reported against many of the items in the accounts. The comptroller, Judge Tracewell, overruled him and passed the vouchers. The Bonaparte report is very severe in its condemnation of Comptroller Tracewell and very extreme in its support of Gilmer, and reaches the conclusion that Gilmer was transferred because of the thoroughness of the examination.

The report was referred by the president to the secretary of the treasury, whose answer is given in a pungent letter. He says:

**Gilmer Badly Scored.**

As soon as the Tulloch letter was published I personally investigated the connection of Judge Tracewell with the matters involved. I then reached the conclusion that he had passed a few improper payments. I was convinced, however, that it was an error of judgment, and the amounts small. I went over the whole matter with Mr. Gilmer, and I became convinced that this gentleman was seeking to embarrass the department and his former chief.

Secretary Shaw then goes searchingly into the conduct of Gilmer as testified to by many responsible witnesses, and thus concludes:

As nearly all the criticisms of Mr. Tracewell relate to differences between him and Mr. Gilmer, and as Mr. Gilmer is manifestly an unsafe custodian of any man's official reputation, I think the comptroller should be exonerated.

The conclusion of the Bonaparte report and the conclusion of Secretary Shaw are thus diametrically opposite. The president sustains Secretary Shaw, and their joint action stamps the report as one which cannot be trusted or accepted. If other expressions or conclusions contained in it were examined in the same way they would be found to be equally worthless.

As to the expressions respecting the former postmaster general, they may be left to the answer which was made to the president when the report was first submitted two months ago. There are two reflections, and neither is warranted by the facts. The first is contained in the implication that the late postmaster general appears to have tolerated the practice of back door civil service admissions after notice of its existence.

**Tries to Stab President.**

It is shown in answer that he effectually stopped the "practice." It is further shown that, if the implication were just, it would fall on President McKinley, who had notice of the practice before the postmaster general had. But it is not just to either, and this allusion is made only to indicate how reckless the Bonaparte report is in its inconsiderate and unfounded declarations.

Another illustration will show that it strikes in equally reckless and heedless fashion at President Roosevelt. One of the conclusions of the report is that the "employment of laborers" in the clerical work is altogether illegal, and that every officer responsible for such employment should have been dismissed from the office. If this was true three years ago it is true now. There is not a single department in Washington in which "laborers" are not employed doing clerical work.

If the Bonaparte report were entitled to any consideration it would require Presidents Roosevelt to "dismiss" every member of his cabinet, since every member is "responsible for such employment," and it would require condemnation of the president himself for "tolerating the practice after notice of its existence" from September 14, 1901, to December 18, 1903.

# PRESIDENT TAKES HAND IN ZIEGLER REQUISITION

Mr. Roosevelt Will Ask Gov. Odell to Return Millionaire to Missouri.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt will advise Gov. Odell of New York to honor a requisition for the extradition of William Zeigler, which has been asked for by Gov. Dockery of Missouri at the instance of the Cole county grand jury. This action means that the extradition of Millionaire Zeigler will assume a national aspect.

The determination of the president was taken at the suggestion of Congressman W. D. Vandiver, who is managing the gubernatorial campaign of Circuit Attorney Folk of Missouri. Mr. Vandiver returned to Washington Tuesday, and after conferring with some of his colleagues decided not to present his resolution to congress until after he had seen the president personally.

This morning he called on the president who wasted no time in expressing his entire accord with the suggestion of Mr. Vandiver. He said that he would take up the matter immediately with Gov. Odell, and advise him to honor the requisition.

CLOSING TIME OF THE MAILS, AT PITTSBURGH POSTOFFICE

New York—2:30, 6:30, 7:30, 11:30 a. m.; 4:10, 6:30, 9:30 p. m.

Philadelphia—2:30, 6:30, 7:30, 11:30 a. m.; 4:10, 6:30, 9:30 p. m.

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Atlantic City—2:30, 7:30, 11:30 a. m.; 4:00, 6:30, 9:30, 9:30 p. m.

Buffalo—7:30, 8:30 a. m.; 3:00, 6:30, 10:15, 11:30 p. m.

Cleveland—6:30, 7:30, 8:30 a. m.; 3:00, 6:30, 11:30 p. m.

Cincinnati—1:30, 5:10, 8:30, 11:30 a. m.; 12:50, 7:45, 8:30 p. m.

Chicago—6:30, 8:30, 11:30 a. m.; 7:30, 8:45 p. m.

St. Louis—1:30, 5:10, 11:30 a. m.; 8:45 p. m.

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OCEAN INTELLIGENCE.

Sailed—December 17.

NEW YORK—La Savoie, for Havre.

QUEENSTOWN—Westernland, for Philadelphia; Celtic, for New York.

CHERBOURG—Kronprinz Wilhelm, for New York.

LONDON—Rhineland, for New York; Amerika, for San Francisco.

LIVERPOOL—Republic, for Boston; Canada, for Portland.

GIBRALTAR—Aurania, for Algiers (from New York).

LIZARD—La Champagne, for Havre (from New York).

Arrived—December 17.

NEW YORK—Armenian, from Liverpool; Touraine, from Liverpool.

QUEENSTOWN—Arabic, from New York.

ANTWERP—Rhineland, from Philadelphia.

LIVERPOOL—Cameronian, from Portland; Scandinavian, from Philadelphia; Ivernia, from Boston.

GLASGOW—Hungarian, from Portland.

GENOA—Hispania, from New York.

LONDON—Michigan, from Tacoma.

# LIGHT COST HIGH IN ALLEGHENY

North Side Pays More Per Square Mile Than Pittsburgh Does.

M'ILVAIN GIVES SOME FIGURES

The stand Controller John B. Larkin has taken in opposition to the proposed four-year contract Director E. M. Bigelow of the department of public works proposes to make with the Allegheny County Light Company for lighting the streets of Pittsburgh, commencing January 1 next, and the figures quoted by Controller Larkin as to the cost of street lighting in other cities, his idea being to show by comparison that the $100,000 per annum set down in Director Bigelow's proposition is very much too much, have directed attention to the light bills of Allegheny city.

From what can be learned, it appears that Allegheny pays more for its light than any city shown in the tables prepared by Larkin, and that Allegheny's cost per square mile is almost $7,000 in excess of that of Pittsburgh. The entire cost of public lighting in Allegheny for this year will be $157,581. Allegheny has its own light plant and has a population of 120,000.

The figures used here were taken from the books of the public lighting bureau in the office of Director E. J. McIlvain of the Allegheny public works department. Last February councils appropriated $116,581 for public lighting. Within the last month it was found that $41,000 additional was needed to pay the current year's expenses of the bureau of lights and councils voting on the matter authorized the city controller to borrow this amount. This will make the total cost of the street lighting bureau this year $157,581. Of this sum $28,720 is spent on incandescent lights in the public schools and public buildings of the city, leaving $128,861 for arc lights, or street lighting.

With an area of eight square miles it costs Allegheny $19,857 62 per square mile for all its lights, and $16,732 62 per square mile for street lighting alone. There are 240 miles of wiring, making the average cost a fraction more than $536 50 per linear mile. The 184 arc lamps in each square mile cost a trifle more than $90 94 each a year.

Director E. J. McIlvain said yesterday that these figures were somewhat in excess of the actual average yearly cost, as at present some additions are being made to the light plant in Braddock street and some valuable machinery is being installed there. The average cost for street lights per year in Allegheny, Director McIlvain says, is about $115,000.

**Allowed to Pump His Well.**

LISBON, O., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Judge W. W. Hole dissolved an injunction in the case of the Salem Iron Company of Leetonia against H. H. Hyland. The defendant had been temporarily enjoined from pumping an oil well near Columbiana on the ground that the salt water polluted Cherry Fork creek, the source of the iron company's water supply.

**Switzerland's New Officers.**

BERNE, Dec. 17.—M. Comtesse, a member of the bundesrath from Neuchatel, and M. Ruchet, a member from the canton de Vaud, were today elected, respectively, president and vice president of Switzerland for 1904.

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# FATHER P. J. QUILTER ASSUMES NEW CHARGE

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The congregation of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic church of Allegheny tendered a reception last night to the new pastor, the Rev. Father P. J. Quilter, who was appointed two weeks ago by Bishop Phelan. Father Quilter leaves St. Luke's church of Carnegie to become irremovable rector of the Allegheny church, left vacant by the death of the Rev. Father Matthew Carroll.

The new pastor traveled from his Carnegie residence to his new home in the special car of President J. D. Callery of the Pittsburgh Railways Company. Committees from the Young Men's Institute, C. M. B. A. and L. C. B. A. and Superintendent M. H. Maxwell of the Allegheny division of the Pittsburgh Railways Company, accompanied the Rev. Father Quilter. The party arrived at St. Andrew's church, Beaver avenue and Brady street, shortly after 8 o'clock, and the reception followed. St. Luke's parish is composed of about 300 families, and the Y. M. I. hall, where the reception was held, was packed to the doors. An address of welcome was made by Charles Wood, one of the oldest members of the congregation. Father Quilter made a brief response, expressing his pleasure at being placed in such a good field and uttering a prayer that he would be successful.

Father Quilter will celebrate solemn high mass at 10:30 next Sunday morning. Special music will be a feature of all the services on Sunday.

**Cramp Caused Man's Death.**

JOPLIN, MO., Dec. 17.—W. J. Clark, a wealthy mine owner of Montana, was seized with a cramp while on the street here tonight and died a few moments later. His wife was with him when he was stricken. He was a relative of United States Senator William A. Clark.

**HOLIDAY RATES**

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## DEATHS.

ADAIR—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 6:45 p. m., ROBERT ADAIR, formerly of Allegheny, in his 76th year.

Funeral services at his late residence, 212 Harrison avenue, Avalon, on Saturday, December 19, at 2 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Take Avalon car. Hours, two doors from California avenue. Interment private.

BAKER—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 7:45 a. m., Rev. GEORGE BAKER, at his residence, 817 Western avenue, Allegheny, in his 82d year.

Funeral services Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at his late residence. Interment later at Uniondale cemetery.

BARR—Of pneumonia, on Wednesday, December 16, at 8:40 p. m., at her residence, 650 Ella street, corner of Rebecca street, Wilkinsburg, FLORA BERTHA (nee Goodman), the wife of Harry F. Barr, aged 33 years.

Funeral from parents' residence, at Manor, on Saturday, December 19, at 2 p. m. (Greensburg and Apollo papers please copy.)

DIXON—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 8:40 p. m., MARY ANN, wife of Edward C. Dixon, in her 75th year.

Funeral services at the above residence, 423 East End avenue, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment private.

FLORIG—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 4:30 p. m., SOPHIA, widow of John Leonard Florig, aged 66 years.

Funeral services at her residence, 158 Franklestown avenue, East End, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

LEE—Suddenly, on Thursday, December 17, 1903, at 2 p. m., MARY LEE, wife of Caleb Lee, Jr., aged 71 years.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

M'CALL—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 10 a. m., at Butler, Pa., CHARLES C. M'CALL, aged 28 years.

Funeral services at the First Cumberland church, Shady avenue and Aurelia street, E. E., on Friday, December 18, at 12 o'clock, noon.

M'CLURE—At the family residence, Elizabeth, Pa., on Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 9 p. m., JAMES D., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M'Clure, aged 27 years.

Funeral services to be held at the Methodist Episcopal church, Elizabeth, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private later.

M'CORMICK—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at his residence, No. 7 Magee street, Jeannette, Pa., GEORGE M'CORMICK, aged 78 years.

Funeral services at the United Presbyterian church, Irwin, Pa., Friday, December 18, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

SEILING—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 5:20 p. m., at his home, Woods Run avenue, Allegheny, near Brighton Road, JOHN SEILING, husband of CAROLINE SEILING, aged 73 years.

Funeral from late residence on Friday, December 18, 1903, at 2 p. m. Friends of the family and members of Jefferson lodge 288 F. and A. M., are respectfully invited to attend.

SKILES—On Thursday morning, December 17, 1903, at 8:15 o'clock, at her home, No. 308 Cory street, Allegheny, MARY CATHERINE (nee Patterson), beloved wife of Frank M. Skiles, in her 48th year.

Services at her late residence (this evening at 8 o'clock. Interment on Saturday at the United Brethren church, Ohio township. Leave residence at 9 a. m.

[Ohio papers please copy.]

STROHM—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 6:30 p. m., SARAH ELIZA, wife of JOHN STROHM, JR., in her 61st year.

Funeral from her late residence in Indiana township, on Saturday, December 19, at 1 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

WEIGOLD—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 5:25 p. m., DANIEL, husband of Catherina Seitz Weigold, aged 70 years, 6 months and 20 days.

Remains at the chapel of L. Beinhauer & Son, 851 Sixth avenue. Funeral services on Saturday, December 19, 1903, at 2 p. m. Members of Schiller lodge No. 46, A. O. U. W., and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment in E. E. Smithfield cemetery.

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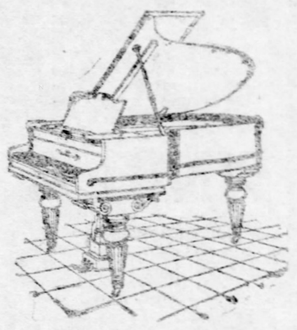

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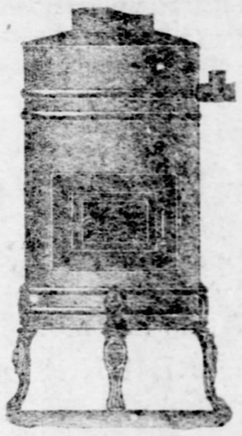

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# FRESH CRISIS IN FAR EAST

Russian Reply to Japan Results in Big Tokyo Council.

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LONDON, Dec. 17.—That the situation in the far east has reached a critical stage is generally admitted in well-informed circles.

As has been intimated in these dispatches, the Russian proposals are not satisfactory to Japan. They avoid the real issue which is the future of Korea. Nothing short of a plain, unequivocal declaration of Japan's supremacy of influence on the peninsula will satisfy the government of the mikado and affairs have reached a point where it would not be at all surprising if Japan sent an pointed a note to the authorities in St. Petersburg on this subject that it might be regarded as an ultimatum.

The Japanese have reached a point where they are thoroughly tired of slow Russian diplomacy. The Japanese fleet and army are in perfect condition for any call that may be made upon them and military authorities are not at all certain that the Japanese would get the worst of it if it came to fighting.

TOKYO, Dec. 17.—The conference of the elder statesmen of Japan, including the Marquis Ito and the cabinet ministers, yesterday resulted, according to a semi-official statement, in a determination to oppose a strong front to Russia in view of the latter's unsatisfactory reply to the Japanese proposals. Even the most sober section of the Japanese press declares it is high time for action.

In addition to the Marquis Ito, Senior Field Marshal Yamagata and former Premier Count Matsukata, one of the greatest financiers modern Japan has produced and twice premier of Japan; Count Inouye, former Japanese ambassador to Korea and at one time a finance minister of Japan, and the Marquis Oyama, the field marshal who distinguished himself in the war between Japan and China, were among those who took part in the conference yesterday between the elder statesmen of Japan and Premier Katsura, the foreign minister, the war minister and the marine minister, lasting three hours.

A report says it is understood that although the Russian reply was considered highly unsatisfactory the conference decided to make another and probably last attempt to arrive at a friendly settlement. The situation is considered grave.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Associated Press is informed that an intimation has been received here in official quarters from Japan that the Russian draft of the proposed agreement is not acceptable in its present form, and that further negotiations on important questions of principle will be necessary before a final settlement can be reached. Both the Japanese and British officials in London, however, maintain the views they expressed in their dispatches December 14 that a distinct step towards peace has been made, and they remain optimistic in regard to an ultimate pacific settlement.

A cabler to the Post from Tokyo says the despatch of troops to Korea is imminent and that the elder statesmen have been summoned to meet the emperor Friday.

The Daily Mail's Kobe correspondent learns that at a conference of the elder statesmen of Japan indorsement was given to the government's determination not to recede from the demands of Russia concerning the far east formulated June 23 last. This indicates, says the correspondent, the rejection of Russia's reply, and he adds that it is expected that the government will urge Russia to reconsider. This, however, does not necessarily mean that the negotiations have reached a hopeless stage, according to the correspondent.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that according to local Mandarins the Pekins government has again warned the provincial authorities to prepare for immediate hostilities, owing to the offensive action taken by Russia and her allies regarding far eastern affairs.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—The reflexes of the foreign office here has progressed since the dispatch of the reply of Russia to Japan, and the officials decline to confirm or deny any of the reports in character of the reply printed abroad. The feeling in diplomatic circles today is not quite so optimistic as it has been, but possibly this is only a reflex of the opinion of the foreign press, as the diplomats admit they are very much in the dark.

It is believed the unfavorable impression apparently created on the Japanese government by the reply is due to Russia's unwillingness to couple the settlement of the Korean and Manchurian questions on the same footing.

Russia desires to cover only the former with the treaty, leaving the latter on a sort of understanding, the exact character of which is not determined upon. Further negotiations will be necessary if Japan insists, with the alternative of their entire suspension. If the negotiations are broken off it will not necessarily mean eventualities. On this point a prominent diplomat said:

"It seems to be forgotten that the present negotiations were not undertaken to settle a pressing, vital issue, the failure of which would precipitate war, but for the purpose of assuring peace in the future by clearing up misunderstandings regarding possible conflicting interests. Now, if the attempt fails, it will naturally leave a strained situation, but war would only follow an actual encroachment by one power on one of the supposed rights of the other."

## GERMANY SARCASTIC.

Wants to Know What One United States Vessel Can Do in Korea.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.)

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—All the papers publish the decision of the United States to send the Whipping to Korea. It seems to annoy the National Zeitung, which says it would be doubtless useless to try to draw any conclusion from this move. At all events, it must give the impression of some preconcerted understanding with Japan.

"What," the paper adds, "does one ship count in comparison to the display of maritime force which was lately concentrated in the yellow Bosphorus?"

This last sarcastic remark applies to America's recent demonstration in Turkish waters, which was nothing if not distasteful to this country.

### Train Wrecker Gets 5 Years.

FAIRMONT, W. VA., Dec. 17.—Special.—Joseph Reber, convicted in circuit court of train wrecking, was sentenced this evening to serve five years in the penitentiary by Judge John W. Mason.


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The People's Store will be open tonight until 9:30, and every evening from now on until Christmas. This is for the accommodation of the folks who are tied up through the day and can not take time between sunrise and sunset for Christmas shopping. Others will do well to make use of the morning hours, when there's lots of room and sales-people have plenty of time to give every one undivided individual attention.

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# Y. P. C. U. COMMITTEE ENDED ITS SESSIONS

Arrangements Completed for Convention of Subsidiary Organization of the U. P. Church to Be Held at St. Joseph.

The general committee of the Young People's Christian Union of the United Presbyterian church of the United States yesterday afternoon closed its work after three days' sessions at the home of A. Montgomery Scott, North Braddock. The committee completed almost all the arrangements for the big biennial convention to be held at St. Joseph, Mo., from Wednesday, June 29, to July 5, 1905. The request that the general committee place a secretary in the field as general director and overseer of the work of the Young People's Christian Union and Sunday school work in the United States, South America, Egypt, India, China, Japan and countries of Europe was referred to a sub-committee composed of the Rev. W. R. Wilson of Carnegie, the Rev. W. E. McCullough, pastor of the Hamilton Avenue United Presbyterian church, Braddock, C. A. Foster of Carnegie and Attorney A. H. Bell of Greensburg, to confer with the committee from the board of education of the United Presbyterian church. The program for the next convention has been completed. William Stetzel of St. Louis for many years a labor leader of the middle west, will have charge of the discussions on the labor question. Senator A. J. Beveridge of Indiana has been placed on the program to cover questions of national interest. The temperance question will be in charge of the Rev. Oliver W. Stewart of Chicago, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, who is now serving in the Illinois legislature. Attorney Joseph W. Folk of St. Louis, who as prosecuting attorney of that city cleaned out the gambling dens and sent many prominent men to the penitentiary, is to deliver an address on municipal reform.

Several Pittsburghers are to have places on the program. The Rev. Henry H. Mariam of the Fourth United Presbyterian church will speak on "Living Faith in a Living Christ;" the Rev. John A. Wishart of Ingram will speak from the subject, "Holy Living," and the Rev. W. L. C. Sampson of Bovina Center, N. Y., until a year or so ago located in this city, will make an address on "The Living Book." Judge A. H. Taylor of Cleveland will discuss the question of "Churches for Men;" the Rev. W. P. White of Albany, Ore., "Modern Evangelism," and the Rev. S. G. Huey of Wisconsin "The Mission of the Country Church." The members of the general committee left last evening for their homes.


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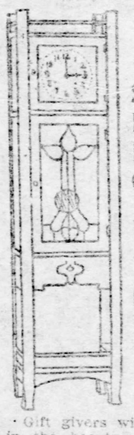

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(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.)

OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 17.—The United States grand jury today made its report to the court, returning 19 true bills. These included indictments against United States Senator Charles H. Dietrich for alleged illegal leasing of a building to the government to be used as a postoffice; Former Adjutant General Leonard W. Colby for the alleged embezzlement of government funds; Daniel Gaines of Bassett, Neb., for alleged perjury in swearing falsely to homestead entries; Former State Senator Elliott Lowe for alleged conspiracy to bribe a United States senator; Postmaster John S. Mitchell of Alma, Neb., charging him with illegal sale of postage stamps; William M. Irwin, on a charge of acting as agent for Mitchell and against F. M. Allen, president of the Standard Cattle Company, for the alleged illegal fencing of government lands. The other indictments were similar to that against Allen, but do not involve extensive tracts of land. The indictments against Lowe and Dietrich are in addition to those returned against them a week ago.


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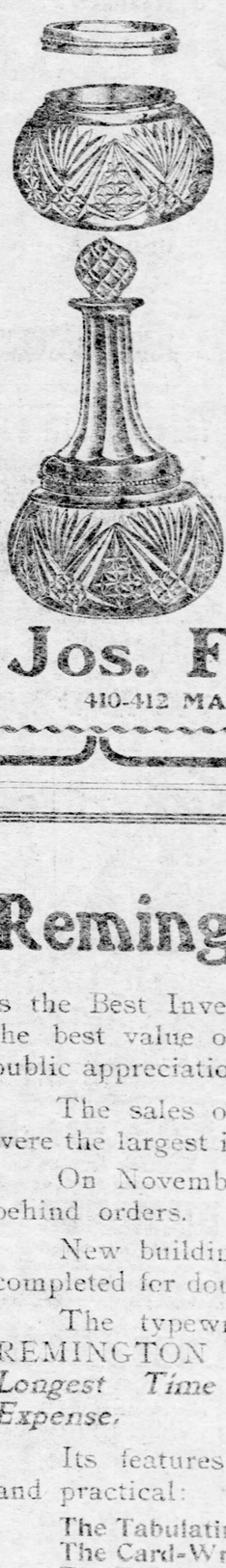

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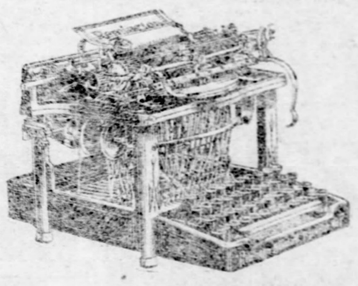

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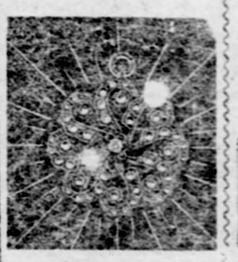

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# CUBA IS PREPARING FOR RECIPROCITY

## Treasury Department at Havana Arranges for New Tariff Schedules.

## ENGLAND IS NOT INCLUDED

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

HAVANA, Dec. 17.—Preparations are being made by the treasury department to carry out the changes in the schedules made necessary by the ratification of the reciprocity treaty by the United States senate.

President Palma was shown the dispatch which said that Great Britain had notified the United States government that under the favored nation clause it expected that British West Indian sugar would be admitted to the United States on equal terms with the Cuban product. The president's only comment was:

"The Cuban government has nothing to do with that matter."

Senor Fonsterling, assistant secretary of the treasury, said that reciprocity simply meant a special exchange for values given and received by both sides and that the general favored nation clause had nothing to do with the matter.

Officers of the chamber of commerce made similar comments, adding that President McKinley's promise of reciprocity was well understood to have been based on Cuba's acceptance of the Platt amendment. They quoted a statement made by Senator Platt to the effect that if European nations were ready to accept similar obligations the United States would grant them similar reciprocal advantages.

## NEW CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME BENCH

### Judge F. W. Wheaton of Wilkesbarre to Go After Seat Desired by Pennypacker.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

WILKESBARRE, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—It was announced today that Judge Frank W. Wheaton, of this county, would be a candidate against Governor Pennypacker next year for the nomination to the supreme bench. This, it is believed, means that the organization forces of the northeastern part of the state will seek to oppose the governor and support Judge Wheaton.

Just what pledges of support have been given the managers of Judge Wheaton's campaign they will not say, but they are sufficient evidently to induce Judge Wheaton to enter the field. It is also the comment that Gov. Pennypacker had determined to resign the governorship if he got the nomination to the supreme court bench, there have been objections to his course and this led to Judge Wheaton's candidacy. The fact that he has entered the field, it is supposed, means that he will antagonize Senator Quay, and his adherents and the state administration.

Judge Wheaton was elected to the Luzerne bench three years ago and is one of the youngest judges ever elected here.

## STEAM PIPE EXPLODED.

### Four Men Hurt During Trial Trip of the New Turkish Cruiser.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—By the explosion of a steam pipe today in the fire room of the Turkish cruiser Medjidia, recently built by the Cramps of Philadelphia, four men were severely scalded. They were landed here late today and are being treated at Johns Hopkins hospital.

The men were members of the crew of the builders of the vessel which left Philadelphia two days ago for a trial trip on the government's measured course in Chesapeake bay. The accident occurred today off Bayen, Delaware, while the vessel was being prepared for her initial speed test. It is not thought at the hospital that any of the men are seriously injured.

## RELIEF IN SIGHT.

### Pennsylvania Company Contemplates Changing Its Mileage Book System.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—According to reliable sources, the Pennsylvania railroad is preparing to abrogate the rules which, according to Major Isaac Brown, secretary of Internal affairs for Pennsylvania, make the new form of railroad mileage book "unjust."

The new book required an initial payment of $30 or $20 for the mileage and a $10 deposit. Adopting the suggestions of Major Brown, it is said, the Pennsylvania is about to abrogate the rule requiring the $10 deposit. It also contemplates permitting the use of the ticket by any member or members of the purchaser's family.

### Naval Veterans Elect Officers.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—At a special meeting of the National association of naval veterans here today, the following officers were elected: Commodore, Dr. Charles Karsner of Philadelphia; captain and chief of staff, Robert A. McNeal, New York; commander, John M. Prout, Newark, N. J.; lieutenant commander, E. T. Madden, Bath, Me.; lieutenant, A. S. Burt, Van Wert, O.; surgeon, Dr. W. E. Atwell, Zanesville; chaplain, the Rev. A. S. McWilliams, Detroit; secretary, Jacob Teal, Philadelphia.

### Desperate Negro Shot to Death.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 17.—After having seriously cut George Resoner, department store proprietor, in a scuffle following a demand for money, an unknown negro tonight also attacked one of three policemen who had been summoned. All then opened fire, killing him instantly. The affair caused a panic among the crowd of shoppers.

### New Smallpox Cases Reported.

The following cases of smallpox were reported yesterday: John David, No. 2574 Webster avenue; Mary Burgess and John Burgess, No. 1705 Wylie avenue; Bore Rhodes, No. 2005 Mulberry alley; Edward Moss, No. 3716 Butler street. Terrence McDermott, aged 21, of Twenty-second street, Homestead, was found to be suffering from smallpox, and the house was quarantined.

### Ratified Session's Action

The congregation of the Second Presbyterian church, recently organized in Wilkinsburg, has ratified the action of the session in obtaining $19,000 for building purposes from the First Presbyterian church of Wilkinsburg. D. M. McEwen has been elected a deacon to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. H. Jackson, who was elected a trustee.

### Two Victims of Ice.

Henry Heineman of Craft avenue, Crafton, had his right ankle broken on the Chartiers creek near Carnegie while skating yesterday. Thomas Hilpp, aged 40, of No. 2312 Green street, South Side, fell on the ice in South Twentieth street at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, breaking his left leg.

### Carnegie Will Pay Half.

Word has been received from Andrew Carnegie by the Rev. P. McMillan, pastor of the Third United Cumberland Presbyterian church, that he will donate $5,000 toward a fund to purchase the church a pipe organ providing the congregation raises a like amount.

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# GERMAN ART SCHOOLS WAR OVER THEIR ST. LOUIS DISPLAY

## Convention of Impressionists at Weimar Takes Steps to Secure Representation at the Fair and Establish Their Own Organization.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—As a result of the controversy between the artists of the impressionist school and the general association of art societies of Dresden concerning the representation of German art at the St. Louis exposition, a convention of impressionists from all the leading cities of Germany was held at Weimar today for the purpose of establishing a league in opposition to the general association.

Count Kessler, director of the Weimar art exhibition, took the initiative in bringing the protesting artists together, and the Weimar government, it is reported, intends to do everything possible to promote the new movement.

Addresses were made by Count Kessler and Prof. Hans Olde, director of the grand ducal art school. The latter pointed out the necessity of a new organization to represent the interests of the impressionists and said that this organization should have its own art jury.

After a full discussion it was voted to establish a German artists' league, with permanent headquarters at Weimar. The league's plan of campaign for forcing representation at the St. Louis exposition has not yet been divulged, but it is expected that a formal demand will soon be made on Herr Lewald, the imperial German commissioner, to force the old association to concede to the new organization a reasonable portion of the space allotted to Germany at St. Louis.

## IMPORTANT MEASURES ARE TO BE CONSIDERED

### Councilmanic Joint Corporations Committee Will Have Them Before It Today.

The joint corporations committee of councils will meet at 3 o'clock today, and as the new traction and electric light ordinances, the Wabash railroad's Duquesne way ordinance and the measure for the repeal of the franchise of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Telephone Company will come up, an interesting meeting is expected. It is thought that some drastic amendments will be offered to the light and traction ordinances, and that a bond of $500,000 may be required from the promoters as a guarantee that the requests for franchises are bona fide.

Nothing will be done about the proposed repeal of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Telephone Company's ordinance, as it is understood that the company's representatives have expressed themselves as willing to carry out the provisions of the charter, which stipulated the maximum price that can be charged for telephones. The special councilmanic committee that investigated reported that the franchise ought to be forfeited, as the company did not live up to its contract. The company agreed to put telephones in private houses for $24 a year, but claimed it had the right to put in party lines at that price, charging $54 for separate lines.

### Houses Scorched in Crawford Street.

Fire caused about $1,000 damage to two brick houses in Crawford street, near Wylie avenue, yesterday afternoon. The blaze occurred in the second story of the buildings, which are occupied by Robert Dusenberry and Mrs. Hinton, both colored.

### French Workmen Will Participate.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The senate passed a bill appropriating $40,000 for the use of the labor societies in connection with their participation in the St. Louis exposition.

## CONSUL WHO HAD TROUBLE IN TURKEY

WILLIAM ROSS DAVIS.

Consul at Alexandretta, who recently quit his position after a serious difference with the Turkish police, is a native of Brush Creek township, Jefferson county, O. He attended college at Ada, O., and for about a dozen years was a prominent school teacher in Jefferson county, O. He mingled in politics with popularity and success and Congressman J. J. Gill, of the Steubenville district, secured from President McKinley his appointment as consul.

## BATTERY FAILS AGAIN TO ELECT LIEUTENANT

### Governor Will Appoint, If the Command Is Unable to Settle Dispute Monday.

Battery B held another meeting last night to elect a second lieutenant and again failed to have an election. The battery will have one more chance. Next Monday night a meeting will be held and if there is no election then the governor will have the appointment.

The battery was called together at 8:30 p. m. Dr. Williams and W. H. Learfott were again placed in nomination, as before, and a third man, Sergeant E. J. Rother, was nominated. J. F. Lindsey and George Forrest were the tellers, and Albert Reynolds was the clerk.

Several ballots were taken, Rother getting from five to six votes. He withdrew on the fifth ballot and from that time until the tenth ballot Williams gained steadily until it looked as if he would win. Four of the ballots were declared illegal, because 48 votes were in the box instead of 47, the number of voters present. Two men were challenged for voting in citizens clothes and were not allowed to cast their ballot again.

The complete program of the vaudeville and athletic entertainment to be given at tomorrow's celebration of the reorganization of the regiment battery has been prepared. Lieut. Harry S. Lydig will be the master of ceremonies and will be introduced by Capt. Rees; Buglers Miller and Ihrig will do the salute to the colors and the bugle calls; J. M. Bolsson of the Cathedral choir will sing; Fred Race, character comedian, will appear; Prof. L. Race will do a sleight-of-hand act, the Topping brothers will give a sketch, Comrade Miller will sing and dance the serpentine, Beile and McCullough will do a musical sketch. There will be an illustrated song, and Race and Barron will show the cinematograph. The committee on arrangements consists of Lieut. J. Milton Ryall, Lieut. H. D. Burns, Sergeant Arthur J. Leffler and Private W. H. Kearfott.

## DYNAMITE KILLS FOUR.

### Italians Meet Sudden Death After Being Here a Short Time.

DUBOIS, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—An explosion of dynamite occurred on a piece of railroad contract work near Cramer station, a few miles south of here, at noon today, killing four men and slightly wounding two.

The men were Italian immigrants and unable to speak English. The injured were taken to the Adrian hospital this evening and will recover. The work is on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh road and is in charge of Contractor E. C. Lauer.

### Mercer School Directors Convene.

SHARON, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The Mercer county school directors held their annual convention. Among those who made addresses were: The Rev. W. J. Snodgrass of West Middlesex; J. A. McLaughrey, Sharon; Frank Pierce, Sharpsville; Judge S. H. Miller, Mercer; Sherman Black, Grove City; George L. Davis, South Sharon; County Superintendent H. L. Painter, Butler; Superintendent R. C. Allen, Lawrence county, and County Superintendent James S. Fruit of Mercer.

### Negro Woman Paid White Man's Fine.

Rather than see her friend, John Murphy, a white man, committed to the workhouse, Helen Wells, colored, of 655 Second avenue, paid $96 and abandoned a visit to her old home in the south at Christmas. Murphy has but one leg and the police allege he allows the Wells woman to support him. Murphy was charged with being a suspicious person and was fined $104 40, but $96 was all the money the woman could raise, and Magistrate Thomas D. Stewart accepted the money.

# SENATE WARM OVER PANAMA

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dent had been made on the Democratic side of the chamber, but that he had been shocked when the senator from Massachusetts made the character of speech he did and said he thought the country would be equally surprised.

### Attack Upon the Country.

Attention was called by Mr. Foraker to Mr. Hoar's announcement that the speeches he was about to make should be made in executive session, "and" said Mr. Foraker, "perhaps he thinks that announcement a sufficient apology for going on and making in open session a speech which he has acknowledged should have been made only in executive session, and which," added Mr. Foraker, "it has been suggested to me should not have been made at all."

Mr. Foraker declared that an attack had been made not on the president alone, but upon the country and that when the eyes of the world were on the United States.

"It would have been the better part of patriotism and conservatism," he said, "to have asked for the desired information in executive session; it could have been obtained just as well and every purpose of the senator from Massachusetts would have been subserved if the matter had been discussed behind closed doors. As it is," said Mr. Foraker, "the remarks of the senators who have made these speeches will be scattered broadcast over the country. I have no doubt that the president acted with the loftiest of motives and the highest of ideals when he took the action he did in reference to the republic of Panama."

### Couldn't Keep Tillman Out.

Mr. Tillman asked Senator Foraker if he had any knowledge of the mobilizing of 5,000 soldiers to march upon Bogota and whether information of this character did not come from the White House.

Mr. Foraker said that nothing had been given to him on that subject and advised Mr. Tillman if he wanted the information from the White House to apply there himself.

Discussing the resolution, Mr. Foraker said he could think of no action on the part of the president calling for such remarks as those made by the senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. Hoar, interrupting Mr. Foraker, said:

"The senator from Ohio either wholly misunderstands what I said, or wilfully perverts my meaning."

After a little further debate Mr. Hoar sought to obtain the floor, saying he had been placed in a false light, but Mr. Foraker declined at first to yield, insisting his remarks were justified by Mr. Hoar's speech, but finally he gave way to Mr. Hoar, who said:

"My point is this: I say that the president has said to the public and to the senate that he disclaims certain conduct as unworthy of him, and I called attention to the fact that the documents which he sent in failed to make that clear by not distinctly claiming that he or the administration had notice of that revolution, or that our forces had prevented the lawful government from anticipating that outbreak; that I believed, from my knowledge of the president, that his statement was actually true, and therefore I asked him to supply the lacking information by stating on what ground the administration proceeded in taking the step—that is all.

"And I don't propose, after 84 years within these walls, to trouble myself to contradict again an imputation to the effect and other meaning of indirectness or artifice on my part. If the senator from Ohio chooses to charge me with it, of course, I cannot help it. He will do his duty."

"I am delighted," retorted Mr. Foraker, "that the senator from Massachusetts is not afraid of anybody. I do not know of any reason why he should be afraid of anybody."

"He made a speech; I am undertaking to make some answer to it. I submit to senators here that I have not, no matter what the senator from Massachusetts has to say, been ill to say misrepresented or perverted a single idea that he has expressed. What I said I understood to be the effect of his speech—that from the telegrams read he inferred the conclusion that there was direct contradiction of the statement of the president of the United States.

"Now, the president has stated there was no conference, no intrigue. And yet the senator from Massachusetts, reading these telegrams, demands that the president shall submit proof to him that he was telling the truth when he made the statement that he had not connived."

## WOOD CASE GOES OVER UNTIL AFTER HOLIDAYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The senate committee on military affairs met today and decided to postpone action on the case of Gen. Leonard Wood until January 4. It is planned to go over the entire testimony that was introduced in the investigation of charges and give time for the preparation of the majority and minority reports, which will be made. The majority report, it is expected, will be an indorsement of Gen. Wood's military and civil record in Cuba.

## RICH MEN ARE NOT ALL HAPPY.

### Croesus, King of Lydia, Had Troubles of His Own, and There Are Others.

Croesus, the John D. Rockefeller of the kingdom of Lydia, was very well-to-do in worldly goods and chattels. "As rich as Croesus," is a saying about 2,500 years old. He had his troubles, however, and some of them were full grown. He was taken captive once by Cyrus and only saved himself from being burned alive by quoting a saying of Solon, the sage. He finally had to flee his kingdom for parts unknown.

Many of the rich man's troubles today come from high living and could be avoided. They are brought on by eating all kinds of rich, heavy foods at irregular times, lack of proper exercise, undue mental strain, unnatural stimulants, etc., and are commonly known as indigestion, dyspepsia and weak stomach. They are serious troubles all right, but not only can they be avoided, but can also be cured, and that without loss of time or proper food and nourishment.

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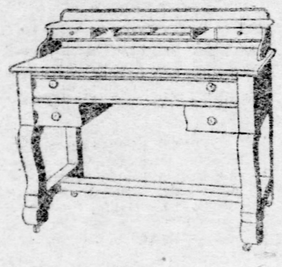

Give Her A Colonial Writing Table.
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Being made of mahogany the plainness of the design becomes an additional merit. The knobs are of glass. The substantial and entirely practical nature of the table is quite in keeping with the traditions of the Colonial dames to please whose taste and suit whose purpose its prototype was designed.
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Elderdown Dressing Sacques in grey, blue, pink and red ..... 75 to 3.25
Bedroom and Bath Slippers ..... 1.00 to 1.50
Flannelette and Crepe Kimonos—nice fine garments, flannelettes trimmed with band of plain Satin; crepe ones trimmed with Persian Silk ..... 2.50
Elderdown Bath or Lounging Robes—a good one in red only ..... 3.75
Extra Fine One in all colors, sailor collar, trimmed with satin ..... 5.00
French Flannel Dressing Sacques and Dainty Silk Dressing Sacques in all colors.
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Black Moreen Petticoats from 35 cents up to the best with a silk ruffle for ..... 5.00

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Poke Bonnets, black and colored ..... 2.25 to 8.00
Hand-made Bibs, Bootees and Embroidered Sacks in large assortment. Hand knit Afghans, at ..... 3.75 and 4.00
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From 6 to 9 o'Clock Tonight
Important sales and particularly special prices for three hours only this evening from 6 to 9 o'clock.

For Three Hours Only
All-Wool Satin-Stripe 50 Cent Challis. From 6 until 9 o'clock Friday evening we sell all-wool satin stripe challis in light and dark grounds with red, green, blue, pink, navy and black dots and floral designs. Regular 50 Cent Goods for ..... 33c
1000 Yards of 50 Cent Satins. Likewise for three hours Friday evening from 6 to 9 o'clock we sell satins for little enough—eighteen colorings including white and black suitable, among other things, for linings and fancy work. Regular 50 Cents for ..... 31c

All Day Today
Compensation however for the unfortunate ones who can't come in the evening—prices and specials for today and this evening.

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35c Mercerized Waisting. Plain, persian and roman stripes, full line of colorings, a good washable fabric. Reduced from 50.
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75c Vesting in black and white and the new gun metal shade. 1.00 Quality.
90c Vesting. Basket weave, white ground with embroidered figure in red and black, just one piece of each color. Reduced from 1.25.

Small Furs
Sable and Isabella Fox Scarfs ..... 2.00 to 60.00
Black Marten Scarfs ..... 10.00 to 57.50
Grey Squirrel Scarfs ..... 9.00 to 25.00
Chinchilla Scarfs ..... 22.50 to 100.00
Blue Fox Scarfs ..... 30.00 to 42.50
Mink Scarfs ..... 20.00 to 125.00
Mounted Brown Marten Scarfs ..... 125.00 to 150.00
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# FEVER CASES GROWING LESS

## Perceptible Decrease in Number of New Cases Reported Yesterday.

### TWO WELL-KNOWN VICTIMS

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

BUTLER, PA., Dec. 17.—Two deaths and four new cases form the typhoid fever record for the day as reported to the executive committee this evening. The dead are:

Doctor John Lincoln McKee, aged 43 years, a prominent druggist.

Miss Emily Walker, daughter of William H. Walker, of Pearl street, and a sister of Gilbert Walker and Attorney H. Q. Walker of Pittsburgh.

Doctor McKee was born in Slippery Rock township, Butler county, and was the son of David McKee and wife, both of whom are living in Grove City at the ages of 87 and 84 years respectively. For many years Dr. McKee conducted a drug store in Chicora, and for the past year had been located in Butler. He had also taken part in numerous oil operations. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church and brother of Dr. Charles McKee of Chicora; Mrs. Joseph B. Showalter of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Alexander of Cleveland, O.

Sixty-three deaths have now occurred from typhoid fever, or about one death to every 20 cases. The number of new cases returned today is the lowest so far, this month. Dr. W. E. Batt of the state board of health said this evening that the greatest danger was now from secondary sources which means infection from cases already existing.

The present epidemic Dr. Batt attributes, as does also Dr. Henry M. Davis and Dr. Benjamin Lee of the state board of health, almost entirely to the water used by the people of Butler in the period from October 20 to November 2, during which time the mechanical or sand filter of the water works pump house was broken and people had to use water pumped directly from Conoquenessing creek into the city mains.

The emptying, scraping and scrubbing of the reservoir had to be stopped because of the typhoid epidemic, arising from the Thorn run dam, by which a million gallons of water escaped during the day. This break was repaired and the cleansing will now proceed as rapidly as possible. The water now being furnished, Dr. Batt said, was remarkably pure, although he would not advise its use without boiling. As soon as the reservoir is cleansed and all the mains and pipes throughout the city again flushed Butler will have a water supply above suspicion.

Manager Caughey of the Standard car works reported that 14 patients were being cared for by four nurses at their hospital and they wanted more patients.

"More patients" was also the word sent in from the Butler County General and City of Brotherly Love hospitals, which have 38 and 30 patients, respectively, and room for six or eight more. It is a significant fact that of the 63 deaths only two occurred only two of these took place in the hospital and it is coming to be generally recognized that the hospital patient has a much better chance than has the home-nursed patient. Another feature of the epidemic is that the foreigners of the West End seem far less susceptible to the disease than do their American neighbors.

The contributions now received amount to over $30,000. A carload of canned goods and provisions arrived from Tarentum. At a special meeting last night the First Ward Hose Company increased its donation from $25 to $50, and also voted $50 for Christmas gifts for poor children.

INDIANA, PA., Dec. 17.—[Special.]—J. M. Dodson, of the Indiana house started a subscription for the Butler typhoid fever sufferers yesterday and in a short time had over $150 on his paper. The citizens of that town will contribute at least $500.

ELLWOOD CITY, PA., Dec. 17.—[Special.]—Five new cases of typhoid fever have been reported to the health authorities. It is feared that an epidemic will occur. Up until a few weeks ago the citizens of Ellwood City got their water supply from the Connoquenessing creek, into which the sewage from Butler is emptied, and it is feared that in this way many of the people were infected. The water supply is now taken from Slippery Rock creek.

KITTANNING, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—There are now 24 cases of typhoid fever reported to the board of health in this place and the physicians say the number will be largely increased in a few days.

ROCHESTER, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A mass meeting of the citizens of Rochester has been called by Burgess James W. Doncaster for Saturday evening to raise funds to aid the people of Butler.

## COUNCILMAN WASSON IN WASHINGTON LOBBY

### Measures of Interest to Pittsburgh Brought to Attention of Congress.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Representative Brown today presented a petition from the grain and flour exchange of Pittsburgh asking for legislation to enlarge the powers of the interstate commerce commission. They want the commission to have the authority to change rates and rules for shipment when the occasion warrants.

Councilman Wasson of Pittsburgh representing the Cigar Makers' association, appeared today before the ways and means committee in advocacy of the Tawney bill which prohibits the affixing of checks and coupons with manufactured tobacco.

The bill appropriating $180,000 for a new barracks at Columbus, O., passed the senate today and if it gets through the house it will likely mean that a portion of the arsenal site at Pittsburgh will be given as a location for the marine hospital, since the property will then not be wanted for a supply depot. If a new barracks is built at Columbus the old barracks property will be used for a supply depot.

Representative Cooper has recommended the appointment of J. L. Malcolm as postmaster at Uniontown. The term of the present postmaster, Charles H. Beall, expired on the 3d of last March.

L. W. STRAYER.

## WOMAN WITH SHOTGUN DEFIES CONSTABLES

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Thomas Laughlin of Mineral Ridge has held the constables of the township at bay for two days. She has not been arrested yet, and she says that anyone who attempts to take her in charge will be shot. According to the story she had a quarrel with her husband and put him out of the house. He swore out a warrant for her arrest, but she sits at the front door with a gun watching for the officers.

### Important Ohio Drainage Work.

FINDLAY, O., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The county commissioners of Putnam, Henry, Wood and Hancock counties met today to take steps for the widening and deepening of the Learn ditch, an artificial waterway 25 miles long, which partially drains those counties. The estimated cost of the work is $80,000.

### Coke Employes Ready for Work.

SCOTTDALE, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The coke workers of this region appear to accept the reduction of wages cheerfully, as they are anxious for work. The action of the Rainey people is not taken seriously owing to the small number of their ovens in blast at present.

### Arrested After Seven Years.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—After seven years' absence from this country, Antonio Saulino was arrested today charged with cutting with intent to kill Marco D. Lorenzo. When a warrant was issued for his arrest Saulino fled to Italy and has just returned.

### Date of Foraker Club's Banquet.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The Wooker club will hold its annual banquet on the night of January 29, McKinley day, instead of February 12, Lincoln day, as heretofore.

# NEWS OF THE NEARBY TOWNS AND COUNTRY

## GRAND STAND PLAY, SAYS KENNEDY

### Frick Company's General Manager Says Rainey Has but few Ovens in Operation.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CONNELLSVILLE, PA., Dec. 17.—O. W. Kennedy, general superintendent of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, was greatly surprised this morning when he learned that W. J. Rainey, the largest independent coke producer in the region, had taken down the notices of a wage reduction similar to that of the Frick company.

In discussing the matter this afternoon Mr. Kennedy said:

"Well, it makes little difference if these signs are taken down and Rainey intends to continue under the old scale. The fact of the matter, and this I have learned upon careful investigation, is that out of the 3,000 ovens owned in the region by Rainey, only 240 are in blast. The continuance of this small number of ovens under the old scale would not make a great difference in the expenditure of money. It looks to me like a grandstand play."

Mr. Kennedy said the Frick company employes fully realized that the wage reduction was absolutely necessary for continuing work during the winter.

## ONE TEACHER'S TASK.

### Had 52 Scholars, Foreigners, Who Could Not Speak a Word of English.

MONNESSEN, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The public school teacher working under the greatest handicap in the schools of here is Miss Gertrude Newingham, of Wilkinsburg, instructor in room No. 1 of the primary grade of the town school. To begin with she has under her 75 scholars, 52 of whom could not speak one word of English at the beginning of the term.

These 52 children represent eight nationalities. The first obstacle Miss Newingham had to encounter was getting the names of the foreign children. Miss Newingham says her greatest difficulty was in getting the children to understand that she was not scolding.

"When I would speak to them in the kindest of tones, often they would imagine I was scolding them and they would cry as if their hearts would break," she says. "Today they are the most obedient and attentive children in the room."

## GOOD NEWS FOR 600 VALLEY WORKERS

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Six hundred men were made happy today by the announcement that the "old mill" of the Republic Iron and Steel Company is likely to resume operations shortly after the first of the year. The report emanates from President Alexis W. Thompson. The fires have been lighted in the remodeled stack of the Rosena furnace here, operated by the Carnegie Steel Company.

## BABY'S LIFE SAVED BY BRAVE SISTER

MONESSEN, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Florence Silvay, the 7-year-old daughter of J. W. Silvay, saved her little brother from death today. His clothing became ignited from the fire in the grate, and the girl laid him on the floor and wrapped him in a rug. The baby's hair was all burned off and the girl's hands were badly burned.

## INDIANA COUNTY WOMAN, AGED 112, DYING, HEARS BUCKWHEAT SONGS

INDIANA, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Surrounded by a small company of neighbors who sing from time to time some of the old "buckwheat songs," Mrs. Leah Keith, who claims to be 112 years of age, is dying at her home, near Grisemore. Mrs. Keith, who is of Pennsylvania German extraction, has lived in this county for 80 years, yet has never been in the county seat.

She never saw a railroad train until about four years ago. In her young womanhood she was a great lover of music and in her own community was considered quite an artist in the "buckwheat notes." Of late years she has fallen into a stupor on several occasions and nothing would rouse her until several of her neighbors would appear and sing again the old-time songs.

Modern times and hymns do not appeal to her. Mrs. Keith came to this county from Lancaster county. When she was a young woman her home was destroyed by fire and the family records were lost. She says she was 22 years old when her oldest son, Peter, was born. Peter was killed at the age of 50 in the war in 1863. It is now 40 years since the war. The summing up of these figures shows the woman to be 112 years old. She has a granddaughter who is a grandmother. Before the centennial of Indiana county, which was celebrated last July, an effort was made to have Mrs. Keith come to town to participate, but her health would not permit.

Upon the occasion of her last birthday Judge Harry White presented her with a handsome rocking chair. It is thought that she will not survive her present illness.

## DROPPED HOT IRON INTO POWDER CAN

### Italian Killed by His Own Carelessness and Starts Mining Town Fire.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

AVONMORE, PA., Dec. 17.—By an explosion of blast powder at Foster Mines, a small mining town one mile from here, Santo Antonio, a miner, was instantly killed. Four other miners, who were in the building when the explosion took place, were seriously wounded, but will recover.

The explosion occurred last night while a number of the miners were gathered at one of the company houses. It is said that Antonio accidentally dropped a piece of hot iron into the opening of a powder can. The contents of this can exploded and ignited seven other cans standing near. The explosion tore a hole in the house out and hurled Antonio 40 feet away. He was instantly killed.

The explosion was followed by a fire, and the entire block of nine shanties was destroyed. The property loss will reach $2,500, and the miners lost their savings and clothing.

### STATE AND NEIGHBORHOOD.

CORRY, PA.—The new Baptist church was dedicated.

COSHOCTON, O.—Jacob Reisen died of injuries received in the Cassenham mines.

KITTANNING, PA.—Clarence W. Elliott, a farmer, of Gilpin township, was killed by a train at Johnetta.

AKRON, O.—Mrs. Lottie Brewster, a wealthy widow, was struck and killed by a freight train. She drove upon the tracks.

CUMBERLAND, Md.—Marriage license was issued to Henry Clay McElwee of Defiance, Pa., and Minnie May Davis of Biddlesburg, Pa.

DUBOIS, PA.—Fred Hefner, aged 13 years, who was accidentally shot in the abdomen by Thomas Hoffman, died at the Dubois hospital.

WARREN, O.—A fine specimen of otter was killed at Orangeville. Many cattle in the same section of the state had their fathers tried to kill 40 years ago.

KITTANNING, PA.—The Hellman apartment house, on Jefferson street, was damaged by fire to the extent of $1,500 and the millinery store of Mrs. R. D. Hellman was totally destroyed. Loss $5,000.

MASSILLON, O.—Frank Ashby, a Baltimore & Ohio railroad engineer, while oiling his engine at Warwick was struck by another train and instantly killed. Ashby was to have been married Christmas.

## COL. B. FRANK ESHLEMAN DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

### Judge Advocate of the Pennsylvania National Guard Stricken at Lancaster.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

LANCASTER, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Colonel B. Frank Eshleman, a leading member of the Lancaster bar, and judge advocate general of the Pennsylvania National Guard, died at his home in Lancaster yesterday morning from a complication of diseases, and after a long illness. He was 56 years of age. He was appointed judge advocate general of the national guard by Governor Hastings and reappointed by Governors Stone and Pennypacker. He leaves a widow, who is a daughter of Judge Ulysses Mercur, and six children.

Colonel B. Frank Eshleman, lawyer and politician, was born in East Lampeter township, Lancaster county, March 10, 1848, his father being Benjamin Weidman, the name having been borne by his grandfather and great-grandfather. Colonel Eshleman was graduated from Haverford college and was admitted to the Lancaster bar in 1871.

In 1878 he was elected district attorney of Lancaster county, serving three years, and has since retained his prominence as a criminal lawyer, having defended 18 murderers, not one of whom has suffered the extreme penalty.

Colonel Eshleman has always been a Republican. He was the youngest delegate to the national convention at Cincinnati in 1876, when Hayes was nominated and has frequently served as a delegate to state conventions. For several terms he was chairman of the Lancaster county Republican committee. In 1888 he was a prominent candidate for congress.

Mr. Eshleman was a Mason and Knights Templar and for 15 years was vestryman of St. James' Episcopal church of Lancaster. He was married in 1876 to Miss Mary Mercur.

### Cambria Nurses Meet.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Cambria county nurses' association today the following officers were elected: President, Miss Jessie Green; vice-president, Mrs. Campbell Rutledge; secretary, Miss Nellie Baird; treasurer, Miss Eleanor V. Greene.

## PREFERRED DEATH TO POOR HEALTH

### Wife of Rochester Mail Carrier Ends Her Life With a Bullet.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

ROCHESTER, PA., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Marshall E. Gordon, wife of a Rochester mail carrier, shot herself through the heart early this morning, after her husband had gone to work, and was found dead in bed by Gordon when he returned at 11 o'clock for dinner.

When Gordon came home and found that his dinner had not been prepared he hurried upstairs to the bedroom. His wife was lying back on the pillows and there was no semblance of disorder about the bed. He realized from the pallor of her face that she was either dead or dying, and finding the body still warm, he hastily summoned Dr. D. B. Snodgrass. The physician knew at a glance that the woman was dead, however, and it was not until he turned the bedclothes down to make an examination that it was discovered that the woman had shot herself. By the woman's side lay a revolver, one chamber of which was empty.

The fingers of the left hand were burned by powder and were covered with blood, indicating that she had fired the shot after pulling the cover up about her. Gordon had been gone since 8 o'clock in the morning, and no one can assign no cause for the deed, except that his wife had not been in good health.

When she got up this morning, Mrs. Gordon complained of feeling ill and Gordon insisted that she return to bed, as he could get his breakfast at the home of his mother. She complied with the request. Neighbors heard a shot at 10:30 o'clock, but attached no significance to it. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Conley of Beaver Falls. She was aged 20 years.

## FROZEN TO DEATH NEAR MANOR

MANOR, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Charles Murphy of Wilkesbarre, Pa., who came here a few days ago, was frozen to death last night. He was found this morning in the waters of Brush creek, about 1,000 yards west of Manor. It is thought that while leaving the narrow path along the railroad he stepped over the culvert and plunged 20 feet in the stream. Murphy, was a plasterer, aged 60 years.

### Cambria to Build Home for Insane.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The Cambria county grand jury has recommended, and the county commissioners are about on the point of determining upon the erection of a home for the insane under the law which provides state aid. At present Cambria county is maintaining 45 patients in state institutions and contributes between $8,000 and $9,000 per year. In this number are not counted about 50 weak-minded inmates at the almshouse, for which the county would receive $1.50 per capita each week if they were kept in a building apart from the county home.

## MOTHER UNABLE TO SAVE HER CHILD

KITTANNING, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The 6-year-old daughter of Elmer Rearick of Plumcreek township was badly burned and died in a few hours. The little one tried to get something off the mantel, her clothing catching fire. She ran out of the house and was met by her mother, whose hands were horribly burned in trying to save the child.

# VEIL OF LIES SOON TO RISE

## Panama's New Minister Defends the Action of Isthmian Republic.

### PRAISES THE UNITED STATES

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau,
Times Building.
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 17.

M. Philippe Bunau-Varilla, the minister of the new Panama republic to the United States, tonight told the story of the famous canal negotiations and the ensuing revolution to the Academy of Political and Social Science in Griffith hall. The new minister upheld the policy of the United States throughout his address and outlined the history of the events which led to the founding of the Isthmian republic.

Before the meeting of the academy, Minister Bunau-Varilla, in an interview with a representative of The Gazette, said there was no doubt as to the validity of the present government. The congress will be nominated in national convention, the call during January, and elected in February. The government then created will be a continuation of the present one, and will be bound by its obligations just as the United States were by the obligations incurred while governed by the articles of confederation after the constitution was adopted.

An attentive audience filled Griffith hall when the minister began his address. He opened by pointing out the complexity of the question, and its manifest importance on the progress of its exceptional consequences upon the trade of the earth and the distribution of mankind. He then said:

### Truth Must Triumph.

I have to speak on a subject which comprises an infinite diversity of features. The question of Panama, only to be treated from a general point of view, has exceptional consequences upon the trade of the earth and the distribution of mankind. Before the observation of the thinker and the appreciation of facts, calumnies and prejudices which has uncovered to the sight of mankind the glorious battles fought against the darkness of ignorance on the banks of Panama in the year 1903, but the dawn of the day when the truth will at last universally be known has come. The revolution of the Panama route to the peace to Nicaragua to the islands of the United States from the beginning of the great victory of science and verity over prejudice and systematic error.

The speaker recited what he called "the recent facts which led to the present situation." He said that as far back as 1901 the Colombian government sent to the United States Martinez Silva, who left his position as minister of foreign relations, to come to Washington to take care of the negotiations between Colombia and the United States. Silva warned his government of the probable secession of Panama, in case the canal question should not receive a solution in harmony with the ardent wishes of the isthmians. In spite of the attention to the French Canal Company, he declared that this company systematically discouraged elections with their habitual discipline."

The government is in reality master and can elect the congress as it pleases. Pending grave treachery, before congress began its task in Bogota, I sent to President Marroquin a last telegram, to ask if it was not the intention of the government to call to Colombia at any favorable amendment to the Hay-Herran treaty.

The inexplicable attitude of the government of Colombia and of the congress of the first and unanimous rejection of the Hay-Herran treaty by the Bogota senate are remembered by all. Though the cause of reason and common sense seemed to be lost, I made the supreme attempt to guard Colombia against herself and I made two independent efforts to protect her against the foolishness of her policy in the beginning of September.

### Forced to Revolt.

In the later developments in the Panama situation Mr. Bunau-Varilla upheld President Roosevelt in all his acts, claiming that the Spooner act gave the president authority to do all he had done and quoted at length from Le Martin of Paris, in support of his contention. He claimed that Colombia's course amounted to an attempt at blackmail. Surrounded on all sides by the ocean, Panama could not be forced to submit to the congress of Bogota because the middle of June and the end of October is the rainy season in the United States. Panama, he declared, is the most attractive spot to operate, because they wanted a ready route via the canal. He declared that the United States and Panama have a position economically above that of a private commercial company. They benefited not only the United States by removing the treaty, but by preventing the Panama republic from falling under the French influence, they sacrificed to their blind and passionate greed the very honor of their country by putting in their pay Colombian functionaries of whom, if they were compelled to testimonials, would be unbecoming to mention under the law.

When these accusations of corruptibility were thrown at the isthmus to recall against the tyranny of Bogota, and when the declaration of independence on the isthmus was for the second and last time in history promulgated, it was proclaimed that there has never been in the history of the world a revolution that was more justified than that one.

It seems almost incredible to think that there are still in this country people who will speak of the honor of unity that link the United States to Colombia, and there are people who speak of the rights of Colombia to be treated with special care and consideration by the world. To all those erratic voices the world has answered. Before 15 days elapsed without the revolution, the voice of the people triumphed and the revolution by the voice of the greatest powers.

CHESTER D. POTTER.

## MONONGAHELA DINES MANY VALLEY FRIENDS

### First Banquet of Its Chamber of Commerce Was a Noteworthy Occasion.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

MONONGAHELA, PA., Dec. 17.—The most brilliant gathering in the history of the Monongahela valley filled the auditorium of Turner hall tonight on the occasion of the first annual banquet of the Monongahela chamber of commerce.

The table extended from one end of the hall to the other and was handsomely and appropriately decorated. The Gunther orchestra furnished the music, while 200 guests, many of them from out of town, partook of the feast. Dr. Wood was toastmaster, and the following toasts were responded to:

"Modern Means of Communication, the Life-Blood of Progress," T. A. Robison, general passenger agent of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad; "The Monongahela Valley, Unrivaled in Resources and Unrivaled in Progress," Dr. J. F. VanVoorhis, Bellevernon; "Washington and Allegheny, Great Counties of a Great Commonwealth," Attorney Robert Cummins, Washington; "Monongahela, the Mother City of the Great Valley," Joseph H. A. Herron, Monongahela.

Among the out-of-town guests were Congressman E. F. Acheson, of Washington; Lieutenant Governor Lyon, Governor Stone, Dimon Shaw, E. T. Whipps, all of Pittsburgh; Dr. Mark Baldwin of Homestead, Dr. D. E. Sloan of Charleroi, Postmaster John Brashman of Charleroi, Charles F. Thompson, Samuel Todd and Frank Cochran, of Uniontown; Thomas Shoaf of Charleroi, W. Scott of Bellevernon, Jurgens J. M. Mullen of Donora, Dr. W. H. Lewis of Donora, County Register W. C. Robison of Washington and William G. Yohe of New Kensington.

### Legal Fight for Furniture.

James Wesley of 3624 Mulberry alley is charged with conspiring, along with Annie Bennett of Mulberry alley, near Thirty-second street, with breaking into the home of Mrs. Annie Bennett, the property of the latter being involved in a suit now pending before Alderman McMasters. Constable Hoffman, to-day, sold three on a landlord's warrant.

### Rehearing the Pantomimes.

No matinee performance will be given at the Grand opera house this afternoon. The company will be busy, however, as the members will be engaged in full-dress rehearsal of the Christmas pantomimes. "Mrs. Jack" will not appear at the evening performances.

### Coal Stolen from Cars.

Tom Williams, aged 16, of 2 Diamond square, South Side, was arrested last night, charged by John Brown, a watchman at the South Tenth street plant of the Oliver Iron and Steel Company, with stealing coal from cars in the company's yards. Tarrants were issued for two more boys.


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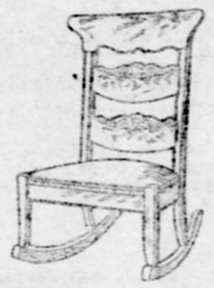

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# AMERICAN LEAGUE CONDEMNS THE FOUL STRIKE RULE

## LONG SCHEDULE FOR AMERICAN

Follows Example Set by the National—Foul Strike Is Condemned by Large Vote.

WANT COMPROMISE RULE

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The first session of the American league's annual fall meeting, which began at the Auditorium here this afternoon, lasted five hours and was chiefly devoted to a discussion of the situation forced upon the league by the National league action in upholding the foul strike rule and lengthening the playing schedule. It resulted in the American following the lead of the Nationals in the matter of playing schedule, which will include 154 games instead of 140, in both organizations, but on the foul strike rule the young magnates were unanimously opposed to it and so registered their vote.

Because of the inability of Owner Killilea of the Boston club to reach the city in time, the meeting of the league directors in the morning was prolific of discussion only and was postponed until the evening when Messrs. Johnson, Comiskey, Hedges and Killilea met to President Johnson's office, formally awarded the pennant to the Boston club and put several league matters, including the Washington transfer, into shape for presentation to the league at tomorrow's session, which is called for 9 a. m.

The magnates got into regular session soon after 1 o'clock and did not adjourn until close to 8 o'clock, disposing of a lot of routine business in addition to the action outlined above. The matter of the playing schedule occupied the greater part of the time. The league was strongly opposed to the longer season previous to the meeting, but found that the old league had practically forced its hand, and was compelled to lengthen its station in self-protection.

The American league season will open on April 15, the date fixed by the National league and the closing date will depend on the action of the schedule committees. By this arrangement it will be possible to secure non-conflicting schedules with more ease than if the two leagues were playing series of different length. It is still possible the old order of things may obtain next year as it is understood the National league's action regarding the 154 games was not made imperative and the schedule committee should recommend for adoption a 140 game schedule after reaching an agreement with the American league committee it would stand a fair chance of going through.

On the question of the foul strike, the American league was a unit in opposition to it. After a thorough discussion the league adopted a resolution unanimously that it was the sense of the meeting that the foul strike rule be abolished outright. President Johnson named as the rules committee Messrs. Comiskey of Chicago, Killilea of Cleveland and Farrell of New York, and the league executive said that he considered the resolution as binding the committee to vote against the foul strike. The appointment of Killilea, one of the chief opponents of the rule, as chairman of the committee indicates a firm stand against it.

During the discussion of the matter at today's meeting suggestions for a compromise were offered by several of the magnates, but nothing definite was decided upon. The suggestion of President Shibe of Philadelphia that only the first foul be called a strike, and that all other fouls be treated as they used to be before the adoption of the foul strike rule last year seemed to meet the approval of most of the magnates, and it was said tonight that an effort would be made by the committee which it met in joint session with the National league committee to reach a settlement of the question along these lines.

The league formally ratified the new national agreement signed by its representatives at Cincinnati last fall and adopted the new form of players' contract drawn up by the national commission for the use of both leagues.

To President Johnson was left the appointment of a delegate to act with President Hart in the California league matter. The league voted to stay together next year. The purchase of a minor league player purchased by the American league club may be had by any American league club on payment of $1,000 before he is returned to the minor league. In the case of drafted players the sum shall be the drafting price. This does not invalidate the agreement by minors whereby a player cannot be disposed of to any outside club from which he is drafted.

That the American league is still in favor of peace, despite its differences with the National league, was shown by the fact that at today's session the action of the American committee on the new national agreement was formally approved and ratified. The meeting also decided on the use of a players' contract uniform with that recently adopted at the National league meeting. This will make it necessary for a player to report two weeks earlier for spring training or be subject to a $100 fine.

One of the important developments of tomorrow is expected to be a definite announcement regarding the new owners of the Washington club. President Johnson tonight stated that the Washington matter had been adjusted and intimated that at tomorrow's session the news would be given to the public. It is probable that the meeting will be finished tomorrow night.

## JEFFRIES AND MUNROE.

They Are Likely to Be Matched for a Fight Early in the Spring.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—That James J. Jeffries and Jack Munroe will soon be matched to fight for the heavyweight championship of the world is now the general opinion among sporting men. Steps looking to that end will be taken this week when Tim Cafferoth, matchmaker of the Yosemite A. C. of San Francisco, who is now in town, will meet Joe Egan, the champion's representative, to talk over the terms for the match. Cafferoth is anxious to get the bout for his club. Munroe has been eager for a try at the title holder for months, and now Jeffries himself says that he is willing to fight the miner boxer.

Jeffries, when told this morning that Cafferoth had announced his intention of trying to frame the match, said: "I stand ready to listen to any reasonable proposition Cafferoth may make. Munroe's decisive victory over Sharkey proves that the miner is something of a fighter. It has boosted his stock a lot, and a match between us is far from unlikely.

"Just when you will meet I cannot now say. I have theatrical engagements extending over the winter, but I am ready to fight in the spring. I am in tiptop condition and could get ready for a hard fight in short order."

### The Benton Seven Won.

In a hockey game at Sewickley yesterday afternoon the Benton Preparatory school, a private institution of Sewickley, defeated the Sewickley High school team in a fast game, 1 to 0. The only goal was shot by J. Over, Jr.

| Benton Preps—1. | | S. H. S.—0. |
|---|---|---|
| Hays | Center | Ross |
| Harding | Forward | Ehleman |
| J. Over | Right Wing | Branum |
| Cunningham | Left Wing | Charney |
| McCabe | Point | Neely |
| R. Over | Cover Point | Garrett |
| Smith | Goal | Garrett |

Goal—J. Over. Referee—Roch.

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## NEW ORLEANS STEWARDS AFTER CROOKED RACERS

Owners and Jockey Suspended Because of Bengal's Queer Performance.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—Huzzah and New York were the winning favorites today. The stewards were dissatisfied with the performance of Bengal, the favorite in the third race, and suspended C. E. Burnett & Co., the owners, and Livingston, the jockey, pending investigation. Weather clear; track fast. Summary:

First race, 2-year-olds, selling, 6 furlongs—Lady Free Knight, 102, Livingston, 18 to 5, won; Sparrow Cop, 94, Robbins, 30 to 1, second; Wreath of Ivy, 101, Bybee, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:15 3-5.

Second race, selling, 7 furlongs—Hugo, 102, Rutter, 15 to 1, won; Zyra, 99, Livingston, 12 to 1, second; Floyd K., 102, L. Wilson, 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:28.

Third race, mile—Satire, 120, Callahan, 4 to 1, won; Bessie McCarthy, 117, Minder, 3 to 1, second; McWilliams, 122, Mulholland, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:42.

Fourth race, handicap, 1 1-16 miles—Huzzah, 97, McIntyre, 4 to 5, won; Mauser, 90, L. Wilson, 16 to 5, second; Sabot, 98, Romanelli, 9 to 1, third. Time, 1:48 3-5.

Fifth race, 5 furlongs—New York, 112, H. Phillips, 6 to 5, won; Josette, 104, Davidson, 15 to 1, second; Little Jack Horner, 114, Munro, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:01 1-5.

Sixth race, 2-year-olds, mile—Class, Robbins, 7 to 2, won; Safety Light, 115, Helgerson, 7 to 5, second; Town Moor, 103, Niblack, 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:42 3-5.

### LONG PRICED HORSES.

There Were Plenty of Good Things at Ingleside Today.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Long-priced horses were at the front in some of the races at Ingleside today. Kickumbob took the opening number at odds of 10 to 1, while Ellin King, also a 10 to 1 chance, scored in the last race. Lord Melbourne, who won yesterday, came out again and beat a field easily in the mile and 70 yards. Frank Doss bid him up from $800 to $1,200, but Sidney Bender retained him. Rasp fell in the last race, but Wright was only stunned. Summaries:

First race, ¾ mile, selling—Kickumbob, 107, Lewis, 10 to 1, won; Adirondack, 101, Birkenruth, 5 to 2, second; Invictus, 107, Kunz, 8 to 1, third. Time 1:20.

Second race, futurity course, selling—Hainault, 108, C. Kelly, 3 to 5, won; Lady Donso, 88, Anderson, 10 to 1, second; Brick Fowler, 84, Hildebrand, 12 to 1, third. Time 1:12 3-5.

Third race, 2-year-old maidens, purse, ⅝ miles—Ebony, 110, Burns, 7 to 10, won; Neko, 105, C. Kelly, 15 to 1, second; Sir Appleby, 110, Conoly, 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:03.

Fourth race, mile and 70 yards, selling—Lord Melbourne, 105, Oliphant, 6 to 5, won; Silurian, 102, Ledson, 8 to 1, second; Lacy Crawford, 100, J. Booker, 8 to 1, third. Time 1:47.

Fifth race, futurity course, selling—Reeves, 104, Foley, 4 to 1, won; Fort Wayne, 109, Connell, 6 to 1, second; Florinel II., 107, Hildebrand, 10 to 1, third. Time 1:12.

Sixth race, ⅞ mile, selling—Elfin King, 107, Haack, 10 to 1, won; Pat Morrissey, 107, Linton, 8 to 1, second; Oscar Tolle, 113, J. Lewis, 6 to 1, third. Time 1:30.

### WILL TRY IT AGAIN.

Bowser and Kennedy Renew Match for Ten-Round Bout.

Mull Bowser and Eddie Kennedy, who were prevented from meeting some time ago to settle who is the better boxer, will likely be matched to meet in a 10-round contest tonight. The managers of Bowser and Kennedy and a representative of a club outside the city met last night and agreed on all conditions for the match.

Tonight they are to meet again to post forfeits and sign articles of agreement. The bout is to come off on December 23 or 24.

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## BLOODY GAME IS WON BY VICTORIAS

G. Sixsmith Faints on Ice Because of Wallop Over Head by Hamilton of P. A. C.

FENWICK AND HENRY FIGHT

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| Keystone | 1 | 2 | .250 |
| Bankers | 1 | 2 | .250 |

The Victoria seven was returned a winner over P. A. C. last night at Duquesne garden by the lop-sided score of 9 to 2, and the 4,000 spectators who turned out to see the leaders in the league play witnessed one of the roughest and in some respects the most brutal games ever played in Pittsburgh.

Garnet Sixsmith, the Victoria's right wing, was twice hit over the head by Hamilton of P. A. C., the second wallop being of such a nature that he fainted, and a surgeon was required to put five stitches in his head before he could resume playing. Arthur Sixsmith was twice cut in his right ear, he being compelled to retire in the second half.

Jack Fenwick and Henry engaged in a fist fight on the ice in the second half, and when they were sent to the dressing room they met in the entrance leading from the room to the ice and exchanged blows again. They were separated by garden attendants. Spittal of the Victorias received a wallop over his right wrist in the second half by Dick Wilson, who swung with all his command, and he, too, was rendered hors du combat.

Throughout, gave early in the opening session, when the playing was fast, the game was a repetition of unpleasant scenes. It was a game that would shatter the nerves of a nervous person.

The expulsion of Capt. Hamilton from the lineup was in a direct way the cause of the Victorias running up such a large score. He was benched eight minutes for hitting Sixsmith as he was skating away, and during his absence three goals were scored against his team.

The puck, right at the start of the game, was taken to P. A. C.'s net, where Duvall, who arrived in Pittsburgh yesterday and who played such a strong game tonight, got it from a crowd and rushed down the field, where A. Sixsmith shot the first goal. "Jigger" Robinson a few seconds later raised a mighty outburst of enthusiasm by running down the field and passing to Wilson, who shot goal, tying the score. After this shot Arthur Sixsmith and Hamilton got in a mix-up, and this was the beginning of the fun. Both were benched. When they returned both seemed out for blood. A. Sixsmith had his ear cut, and it was in the second half that it was cut again.

G. Sixsmith got down the field and passed to Roberts for goal. While skating away after shooting the puck Hamilton deliberately walloped Sixsmith over the head. Sixsmith skated around the rink with his hands over his head, evidently in great pain. He got to the entrance and fainted. After a long delay he appeared on the ice with a huge bandage, and the crowd cheered him. He was again hit over the head, causing more blood to flow, and when he got the third cut the crowd yelled for him to leave the game, some crying "Quitter!" But when the fresh blood was seen the cry subsided. He was out for good, and P. A. C. dropped Lamb, who was playing a good game at point.

A. Sixsmith was declared out of the game when he got his second cut, and Fenwick and Henry got him. Fenwick and Henry were barred for the rest of the game for engaging in their scrap. The fight on the ice caused much excitement among the players and spectators. When they were in the passageway Henry wanted to make up, but Fenwick renewed the fight.

P. A. C. was outplayed—when there was playing. Victoria was faster, and the men got into the plays quicker, and there was always some one at the opponents' net to take the shot after a trial at goal. Duvall strengthened the team, and his presence seemed to give the others players more confidence.

"Jigger" Robinson was the player who shone to the best advantage for the red and white. Before the first fight Robinson was chasing the puck down the ice in a dashing style that drew the applause of the crowd, and throughout he was not detected in any of the unpleasant scenes which characterized the contest. Roberts was a big factor in the Victoria's scoring.

The Victorias shot six goals in the first half and three in the second, while P. A. C. negotiated both its goals in the first half. The fact that the score was large did not distract from the interest of the game, as there was too much doing among the players to pay any attention to the one potato. The lineup:

| Victorias—9. | | P. A. C.—2. |
|---|---|---|
| Mackay | Goal | Ross |
| Duvall | Point | Lamb |
| Spittal | Cover Point | Hamilton |
| Roberts | Forward | Wilson |
| A. Sixsmith | Forward | Robinson |
| G. Sixsmith | Right Wing | Fenwick |
| Henry | Left Wing | McCarron |

Goals—G. Sixsmith 5, Henry, A. Sixsmith, Robert's 4, Wilson, Robinson. Referee—Russell.

### RAILROAD TEAM WON.

Defeated National Five in Fast Game of Basketball.

The Railroad Juniors basketball team scored another victory by defeating the National Five last night at Railroad hall 18 to 16. The game was one of the fastest played on railroad floor this season. National scored the first goal three minutes after the game started, and this was quickly followed by a goal from Stewart of Railroad. One of the features of this game was the guard work of McIntyre. The scoring on Railroad's side was done by Cahoon and Stewart, and on National's by Curtis and Laughlin. The score and the lineup:

| Railroad—18. | | National—16. |
|---|---|---|
| Stewart | Forward | Curtis |
| Cahoon | Forward | Laughlin |
| Thompson | Center | Lang, Schute |
| McIntyre | Guard | Brown |
| Grubb | Guard | Lang |

Goals from field—Cahoon 4, Stewart 4, Curtis 3, Laughlin 3. Goals from foul—Stewart 2. Referee and umpire—Tannehill and Burns. Time—Seven minutes each half.

The Railroad Midgets and the South Side Midgets met and both sides claimed the game. The game was played in the Railroad Midgets' hall, and as a decision cannot be reached satisfactorily to both sides another game will be played on February 6.

### Hot Game Is Promised.

There will be something doing at the garden on Monday evening, when the Lawrenceville and Pittsburgh hockey clubs meet. Manager McKinnie of Lawrenceville says his team has arrived and intends to make Monday's game their third consecutive victory.

The Pittsburgh Amateur Hockey league intends making the effort to have their silver cup placed on exhibition at the garden. Lawrenceville leads in the race for the trophy, which is a valuable one.

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## SCHENLEYS WIN TWO FROM LIBERTY BOWLERS

Troy Hill Beats St. Boniface in Other Allegheny County League Match.

There were two matches in the Allegheny County league last night. The Schenleys won two out of three games from the Liberty team, and the Troy Hill team beat the St. Bonifaces twice. In the Diocesan league the St. Bonifaces captured two games from St. Joseph. The scores:

| Schenley— | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C. Trucks | 193 | 183 | 198 |
| Voy | 174 | 147 | 152 |
| Kalb | 154 | 176 | 154 |
| Burke | 176 | 160 | 187 |
| Van Nerman | 147 | 215 | 192 |
| Totals | 844 | 871 | 872 |
| Liberty— | | | |
| Wachsch | 180 | 161 | 167 |
| Pellegrini | 182 | 171 | 200 |
| Rhodes | 167 | 200 | 182 |
| Darrow | 160 | 152 | 160 |
| Metzger | 170 | 184 | 114 |
| Totals | 849 | 856 | 823 |
| Troy Hill— | | | |
| Kapneseler | 182 | 149 | 179 |
| Soul | 172 | 128 | 146 |
| Ellis | 178 | 160 | 158 |
| Bentron | 187 | 160 | 168 |
| Stehl | 194 | 167 | 195 |
| Totals | 848 | 813 | 846 |
| St. Boniface— | | | |
| Hornick | 179 | 192 | 169 |
| Kuhn | 138 | | |
| J. Moeller | | 119 | 146 |
| Damm | 141 | 111 | 122 |
| Snyder | 177 | 157 | 181 |
| Thomas | 148 | 229 | 171 |
| Totals | 793 | 879 | 789 |

DIOCESAN LEAGUE.

| St. Michael— | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Selbel | 165 | 164 | 155 |
| Bugler | 147 | | |
| O. Stock | 156 | 145 | 118 |
| A. Stock | 135 | 149 | 118 |
| Bertel | 145 | 151 | 108 |
| Baumhoef | 135 | 117 | 153 |
| Totals | 744 | 726 | 744 |
| St. Joseph— | | | |
| Dunsthoer | 141 | 158 | 160 |
| Meyer | 146 | 138 | 192 |
| Hutzerman | 169 | 155 | 151 |
| Eckstein | 179 | | |
| Hergeuveder | | 146 | 142 |
| Ruffner | 156 | 148 | 154 |
| Totals | 731 | 747 | 775 |

## SOME FAST FIGHTING IN SEMI-FINAL BOUTS

The Amateur Boxers and Wrestlers Furnished Fine Sport for a Small Crowd.

The second night of boxing at the tournament of the McKeesport Athletic club, in White's opera house last night, was attended by a large crowd of sports, who enjoyed the show. Chief of Police Rotzsch warned the crowd to keep order, which was maintained throughout. The prizes to be awarded are gold watches. The bouts were of three rounds each.

100-Pound Semi-Finals—Jolly McFadden, Greenfield A. C., and James Gessner, Wilmerding; both were extremely cautious until the last round, when McFadden landed often; judges disagreed, and referee awarded the bout to McFadden. Ollie Jones, Clyde A. C., and William Barger, Herron Hills A. C.; Barger claimed foul in the second and took gloves off; referee gave decision to Jones.

115-Pound Semi-Finals—Pat Needham, Duquesne A. C., and Thomas Kenny, Clyde A. C.; fighting was fierce; decision to Conroy. Joe Morgan, Wilmerding A. C., and Ed Capgan, Greenfield A. C.; fast fighting in every round; Capgan stood awful punishing; Morgan was given the decision by judges. A. Campbell, Wilmerding, forfeited to George Young, Foster A. C. Pat Cosgrove, Wilmerding, forfeited to Tom Lewis, South Side A. C.

125-Pound Semi-Final—Ed Kerber, Duquesne, and Jess Caswell, Greenfield A. C.; both stood catch punishment and it was a slugging match; judges agreed on Kerber. Thomas Costello, Foster A. C., forfeited to James Dalley, Foster A. C.

145-Pound Semi-Final—Joe Hemsinger, Wilmerding, and Thomas Kennelly, Beaver A. C.; judges agreed on Hemsinger.

158-Pound Wrestling, Greco-Roman — John Vender and John Pagen, both of South Side—Vender won first bout, 4:45; Vender, second, 1:22.

145-Pound Semi-Final—Sam Davis, West End A. C., and Thomas Costello, Wilmerding; clean fight; judges disagreed; referee gave bout to Davis, 2 to 1. Ed Nye, Duquesne, and Thomas Kennelly, South Side A. C., forfeited to James Sullivan, Wilmerding.

175-Pound Semi-Final—Joe Morgan of Wilmerding A. C., and Samuel Conway, Clyde A. C.; decision of referee to Morgan in first round, which lasted but 45 seconds; whirlwind fighting at speed of some, and before spectators could realize that the round had started Conway quit. James Daly, Foster A. C., and William O'Toole, McKeesport A. C., fought a fast, clean bout; both men, and decision of judges gave bout to O'Toole.

125-Pound Semi-Final—Bob Lewis, Greenfield A. C., and Edward Koerber, Goodfellow A. C. Both came; the boxers slugged until they dropped off their feet at the end of the third round; decision of referee went to Koerber.

158-Pound Final—Herron Hill A. C. vs. McKeesport A. C.; Joe McLaughlin, Wilmerding A. C., first final of the evening; Vaugh opened up McLaughlin's face near the eye in first round; Chief Rotzsch stopped bout before second round was finished, and Vaughn was declared champion.

125-Pound Wrestling (catch-as-catch-can)—Mike Edwards and Robert Martin, both of Wilmerding; no fall in first bout; Martin won first fall in 15 minutes second bout; no fall in third bout; Martin won.

145-pound finals—George Young, Foster A. C., and Jon Morgan of Wilmerding. This is one of the most important bouts of the evening, as Young holds the middleweight championship of the United States. It was granted that Young had the best of it, as Morgan had already taken part in four bouts, three of them hard, coming out victor in all. At the end of the third round, after a pretty exhibition of fighting, Morgan was given the decision.

145-pound finals—Joe Sullivan, Wilmerding A. C., and Samuel Davis of Clyde A. C. The bout was stopped by the police in the 2-minute round because Sullivan repeatedly fouled. The decision was awarded to Davis.

145-pound finals—Joe Hemsinger of Wilmerding and Thomas O'Toole of McKeesport. After the third round the referee was unable to render a decision and ordered the fourth round. The decision was awarded to O'Toole. At this stage of the proceedings gold watches were given to the winners—McFadden, Jones, Barker, the wrestler, Robert Martin, Burt Vaughn, Joe Morgan, Samuel Davis, William Campbell, William O'Toole.

### Today's Tips at New Orleans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The American and Journal New Orleans selections:

Best bets—Palmist and Farah Nasim, to win, Jerusalem, a place.

First race—Montebank, Tamaris.
Second race—Palmist, Belle Malone.
Third race—Sarah Mastes, Airflight.
Fourth race—Cardinal Wolsey, Ascension.
Fifth race—Siddons, The Bobby.
Sixth race—Misanthrope, Modelite.

### Ruhlin Wins in Five Rounds.

AKRON, O., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—In an old opera hall in Akron's "slumdom," Gus Ruhlin defeated Charlie Green, a heavyweight, this time with no set up a claim to the heavyweight championship of Ohio. At the time was called for the fifth round Green was not in condition to go on again, and the fight was called off.

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# PLUMBING ACT IS UNDER FIRE

## Bureaus of Three Cities Involved in Local Case Testing Validity of a Law.

### ATTORNEY LEVIN'S ARGUMENT

The suit of the city of Pittsburgh against John Beltz, involving the constitutionality of the plumbers' act of 1901 and consequently the retention of the bureaus of plumbing inspection in Pittsburgh, Allegheny and Scranton, cities of the second class, was argued in court of common pleas No. 1 yesterday by Assistant City Attorney L. S. Levin and Attorney J. McF. Carpenter, the latter representing the defendant. The trades unions are also deeply interested in this case, because if the act is declared unconstitutional, it will mean that any person can do plumbing work, that no inspections will be made and no examination are required.

Beltz was sued because he refused to pass the required examination and for doing work without authority of the city. He appealed and his attorney attacked the constitutionality of the act, which requires that all plumbers pass an examination in cities of the second class. Mr. Carpenter claimed it was class or special legislation and therefore without effect.

**Legality of Special Legislation.**

Attorney Levin argued that if the legislature had a right to classify cities in the state, it also had the right to enact legislation for any particular class of cities, and which would apply specially to those cities. He cited a number of parallel cases, and argued that the act was not special legislation; that certain acts passed regulating the wharves of Philadelphia, which is practically a seaport, would not be applicable to Pittsburgh, and an iron center like this city needs different legislation than Philadelphia. He said if the act was unconstitutional anybody could be a plumber, which meant the abolishment of the plumbing departments of all cities of the second class, the failure to inspect plumbing work and consequently the liability of bad work, exposing sewer gases, and resulting in epidemics of disease, destruction and death, similar to the trouble affecting Butler.

He said the health of three great cities depended upon work being done in a practical and healthful manner, and without a plumber department to regulate this most important of all city bureaus, and the court's protection, the people would be left to the mercy of those plumbers who cared only for the spoils and not for humanity. He cited a number of cases to bear him out.

**Plumbers Were Interested.**

The court room was filled with striking plumbers, who are anxious to keep poor members of the plumbing trade out of the city. The court took the briefs and will render a decision later. The case was argued before the full bench, all three judges being present, owing to its importance.

Judge John D. Shafer, in deciding a case he had heard in quarter sessions court, declared a city ordinance unconstitutional. J. P. Chambers was fined for violating the ordinance regulating the sale of farm produce on the city wharves, the charge against him being that he sold produce not the product of his own farm. The court decided that a license fee should not be exacted from any farmer whose farm is located in this state.

Judge Shafer held that this is a violation of section 2 of article 4 of the Constitution of the United States, as it discriminates against citizens of other states. He rejects the plea that this one clause may be void and the rest of the ordinance stand, and declares the ordinance unconstitutional. Restitution is ordered of Chambers' fine.

**Boy Labor in Coal Mines.**

The act of May 19, 1903, regulating the hiring of boys in coal mines, has been declared unconstitutional by Judge John D. Shafer. This act was passed at the request of the anthracite miners with the object of keeping young boys out of the mines. After it became a law it was found that it applied also to the bituminous districts and considerable feeling was aroused in the case, a meeting being held and resolutions denouncing the bill passed.

Finally a test case was arranged and suit was brought against Frank Schulte, a mine foreman, charging him with employing a boy under 16 years of age in violation of the provisions of the act. The case came before Judge Shafer in quarter sessions court and the defense moved to quash the indictment on the ground that the act was unconstitutional.

This position Judge Shafer sustains. The point that the title of the act was defective because it contains more than one subject is overruled. The act, however, is declared void because it seeks to amend two former acts of assembly by one act, and the title is declared to be misleading in that it professes to amend a section of an act that is not in the act itself. The two acts Judge Shafer refers to in declaring the act void are separate bills, one referring to the anthracite and the other to the bituminous region.

## GREAT CONCERT PROGRAM.

### Mme. Zeisler This Week's Big Star With the Orchestra. New Entrance Rules.

At the Pittsburgh orchestra concerts tonight and tomorrow afternoon, at the Carnegie Music hall, the orchestra will play the splendid fifth symphony of Tschaikowsky, the one Pittsburgh likes so much, and other interesting numbers, including Cowen's "Indian Rhapsody," a new composition which is to have its first orchestral rendition in America at these concerts, and Saint Saens' "March Heroique."

Mme. Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler is to be the soloist. Her fame as a pianist is world-wide. The numbers she is to play are the best in her repertoire—Schumann's concerto for pianoforte and orchestra and a group of three piano solos, Chopin's Impromptu op. 36, Chopin's waltz, op. 64, No. 1, and Schubert's "Marche Militaire," op. 51, No. 1, the latter by special request.

The requirements of the contractors for the new Carnegie Institute have compelled the closing of the east entrance to the music hall. A special covered way 24 feet wide has been built leading from the park driveway directly to the front entrance of the music hall on the west. Carriages will drive to this point directly from Forbes street, and will leave by way of the park bridge and St. Pierre street.

After the entertainments carriages will form in the park driveway, south of this covered way, and leave toward Forbes street.

New board walks are being built for patrons of the hall coming on foot, leading from Forbes street directly into this covered way. At the close of any function in Carnegie Music hall the entrance will be used as an exit, and it will be spacious enough to prevent crowding. It is requested by the management that those leaving to take carriages keep to the left when entering the covered way, and that those who leave the hall on foot keep to the right. By doing this there will be room enough for all.

## BANKS DO GOOD BUSINESS.

### Columbia, Colonial and Tradesmen's Open at the Tradesmen's Old Stand.

An excellent day's business was done by the Columbia, Colonial and Tradesmens National banks, which opened for business at the Tradesmens banking room yesterday morning, after a few months' ment in the Farmers Deposit National bank's room. No figures were given out, but the positive statement was made that the best of the business came back to the banks.

The management has elected Thomas Jones, formerly receiving teller, to the position of assistant cashier. The cashier's office was made vacant by the resignation of Harry M. Landis, who went with the Federal National, and Mr. Jones is to take care of its duties.

# TURK'S VERSION NOT ACCEPTED

## State Department Demands Reparation for Alexandretta Affair.

### ATTARIAN ROBBED OF $2,500

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Minister Leishman advises the state department that he has made a very energetic protest to the porte against the action of the Turkish officials at Alexandretta in the case of United States Consul Davis. Mr. Leishman's last cablegram further sustains Consul Davis, and the state department consequently is not disposed to regard favorably any complaints from the porte against his defense of naturalized American citizens.

Chekib Bey, the Turkish minister, today conferred with Acting Secretary Loomis respecting the Alexandretta affair. The minister presented another statement emanating from his government, in many much in line of that already submitted, the general tenor of which was to show that Mr. Davis, the American consul at Alexandretta, was the aggressor in the affray and that he had attacked three Turkish policemen without provocation.

This statement failed completely to agree with the report of facts made by Minister Leishman, and as the state department felt bound to accept the word of its agent it could not interfere with the execution of the program already announced, namely, to have the United States consul now at Beirut return to Alexandretta at his own pleasure on a man-of-war and to look for proper apology and reparation.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 17.—The American vice consul at Alexandretta telegraphs that Attarian, the naturalized American, whose arrest caused Consul Davis to leave Alexandretta, has declined the transportation tendered him by the authorities until the latter refund him the money, amounting to $2,500, seized at the time of his arrest.

## OBJECT TO BENEFITS.

### Every Property Owner in Brighton Road Fighting Improvement Made by the City.

Attorney J. Mercer Morton, commissioner in the matter of exceptions to the award of viewers appointed to assess damages and benefits for the grading, paving and curbing of Brighton road from Washington avenue to the Allegheny city line, held a meeting yesterday afternoon at his office, 435 Diamond street, to take testimony. Over 100 appeals have been filed and about 30 attorneys are interested. The improvement cost $160,000.

The exceptants allege that no ordinance directing this work was passed and that it was done without authority of law; that no estimate was ever furnished councils and that the city failed to follow the provisions of the municipal act in letting the contract; that the viewers assessed the whole cost on the abutting property, whereas the improvement benefited the whole city; that the city received $25,000 from the Uniondale cemetery company to be applied on the cost of the improvement, and that the viewers should have assessed the city with that amount.

W. H. Faulkner, a clerk in the city controller's office, produced the contract between the city and the cemetery company.

William S. Epley produced the original contract and specifications under which the work was done. An adjournment was had until January 7 at the same time and place.

## BEAVER MAN STRICKEN WHILE IN HARRISBURG

HARRISBURG, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Oscar A. Small of Beaver, a clerk in the auditor general's office, sustained a slight stroke of paralysis today at the department and was removed to his apartments at Paxtang. Mr. Small had a similar stroke one year ago and it is feared he will never recover from the second stroke. He was formerly prothonotary of Beaver county and is a personal friend of Senator Quay.

**Rescuer Yields Up His Life.**

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Miss Von Rheinbaben, daughter of the finance minister, Baron Von Rheinbaben, today fell between two electric cars. An English naval constructor, Henry Davidson of New Castle-on-Tyne, in pulling Miss Von Rheinbaben out of danger, was killed.

# CHARGED WITH BROTHER'S DEATH

## Alfred Powell Pleads Self-Defense in Shooting Basil Powell.

### HIS STORY OF THE KILLING

The third murder case of the week was placed on trial in criminal court yesterday. Alfred Powell was charged with killing his brother, Basil Powell, at their mother's home in the Morningside road, the night of June 28. The case was up last week, but sickness of an important witness caused postponement. Assistant District Attorney John S. Robb, Jr., is prosecuting, and Attorney John Marron represents the defense.

Harry Parrott, a neighbor, said he was at the Powell house with Basil the night of the murder. Alfred came in and asked for a cup of coffee. Basil said he ought to pay $5 for his board. Alfred got the coffee and later stooped to unlace his shoe. Basil told him not to "pull a gun" on him, adding an epithet, and threw a shoe at him. They clinched and Misses Powell, another brother, separated them. Alfred left the house. The witness was frightened and went home. As he left he heard Alfred say: "If you come out here I will blow your head off." He did not see Alfred have a revolver. On cross-examination he said Basil was angry and "ferocious." Basil had always treated Alfred roughly and was known as a "terror" in the Eighteenth ward. He had been drinking that night. He declared Alfred tried to avoid Basil.

Moses Powell, a brother, was a reluctant witness and few clear answers were got from him. He said he was at home the night of the murder, heard the fuss in the kitchen and asked for peace. He said he did not know who fired the shot. He answered promptly in the negative when asked if he fired it, and also said that Basil did not shoot himself, but he would not say who fired. During his examination he laughed at some of the questions and was reproved by Judge McClung for his levity.

Augustus Powell, another brother, said Alfred came to his house the night of the shooting without hat, coat or shoes. He said he had had trouble with Basil. The witness did not know Basil was dead until he went to his mother's house, and when he went back to his own home Alfred had left.

Capt. Peter Welsh told of bringing the prisoner back from Wheeling. While on the road Alfred told him he had shot Basil and threw the revolver away.

Attorney Marron, for the defense, said it would be shown that Basil was a man of bad reputation and had a special spite against Alfred, while the latter was a man of good character.

John Moeller, a printer, who conducts an establishment in the Eighteenth ward, said he had known both the dead man and Alfred for a number of years. Basil, he said, had been known as the worst man in the Eighteenth ward, and that he was continually in trouble of some kind. His character he said was very bad. On cross-examination he said the last trouble he could remember being in was in 1899.

William Porter, formerly a contractor, was called and said Basil was known as a "bad man." He said he had employed Alfred for eight years and that he had always found him a good man. During this time, he said, Basil had come to him and tried to collect some wages due Alfred. When he was refused he struck Porter on the face, knocking him down.

The defendant told the tragedy. He said his brother had always been a bad character and had a special grudge against him. At the time of the shooting the mother of the men was in Bellaire, O. The witness said he had left home because she could not get along with Basil. He said the day before the shooting Basil had been paid and was drinking with Parrott. He said he went into the house and Basil asked him for some money. Alfred said he only had $15 and was going to send $10 to his mother and could not spare any. Basil is then said to have made a threat to take it if he could get it no other way. While Alfred was unlacing his shoes Basil rushed up and caught hold of him, but was thrown off. He then said: "I'm going to finish you; I'm going to kill you," and threw something which struck Alfred on the jaw. Basil then took the revolver from a cupboard and the two clinched. Alfred obtaining possession of the gun. The witness slipped and fell. At the same time the revolver went off and Alfred said he got up and ran out of the house, Basil following him about three squares. Alfred went to his brother's house and was advised to take it if he could get it no other way. He returned to the house, getting his coat, hat and shoes, after which he left for Wheeling. He said Basil was still living when he left the house. About five days later he was arrested in Wheeling and brought back to this city.

The case will be continued this morning.

## REPORT CONFIRMED.

### Court Dismissed All the Exceptions to the Virgin Alley Viewers' Work.

In common pleas court No. 1 yesterday the report of the Virgin alley viewers was confirmed absolutely by the court after dismissing the exceptions of Frank McCann and S. C. Grier, the only two that had been filed.

Assistant City Solicitor Scarpahan petitioned for the confirmation as the period for filing exceptions has expired. There are still a number of appeals taken which will be determined by jury trials.

**Grand Jury Returns.**

The grand jury returned the following true bills yesterday: Assault and battery, Michael Boink, H. Bond, Michael Johnglase, John Matra, John Mihon, Frank Rock, John Williams, misdemeanor; William Bonfo, Sam Shooty, Abel, Mosge Vranic, C. Haydin; aggravated assault and battery, Rachael Doring; entering a building with intent to commit a felony, Wesley Ward, Jeff Ward, John Meegan; receiving stolen goods, Maxie Henderson; larceny, Thomas Kruse, William H. Peters, Harry Siegel, Andrew White; illegal liquor selling, F. S. Moore (2), larceny by bailee, George H. Menefee, Nicolatto Rosary; felonious assault and battery, Andy Petty, Jr., Basilio Scarano.

**LEGAL BRIEFS.**

The inventory and appraisement of the personal property of John J. Lambie shows a valuation of $20,808 20.

D. L. Noon pleaded guilty of keeping a gambling house at 306 Federal street, Allegheny, and was fined $50. His place was raided and 20 slot machines found.

Because she alleges the Pennsylvania railroad employed but one brakeman, one conductor and one flagman on a train of 70 cars Myra B. Caspberry wants $10,000 damages from the company for the death of her husband, an engineer, in a railroad wreck.

Judge Acheson awarded the Altoona Electrical Engineering and Supply Company $50,000 in bonds of the Second Side Pleasant City Street Railway Company, with interest from May 1, 1900, for erecting an electric line from Kittanning. A dispute's right of way caused delay and the road refused to pay the last $50,000 on contract.

# ORPHANS HAVE PLAN TO FRUSTRATE BIGELOW

## Think If Republicans Stand With Them Four-Year Contract Is Doomed.

The Orphan members of common council believe that Director Edward M. Bigelow's intention to let a four-years' contract for furnishing Pittsburgh with electric light can be defeated, if the Republican members of common council will join with the Orphans to vote for and insist on a one-year contract. The Orphans give the impression that they have obtained the assent of the Republican members of common council to the plan.

The bids on the contract will be opened today by the mayor and the director. It is supposed that there will be only one bid, that of the Allegheny County Light Company, for a four-years' contract only.

Mr. Hays said yesterday he had understood from City Solicitor William B. Rodgers that no city contracts could be let for more than a year and he was not aware of that provision of the city charter asking an exception in favor of that contract. A clause added was: "It is of course a question as to what price can be obtained by the city. The company might ask a much larger sum for lighting as the contract is for a year only, and the city might be better off and get its lighting cheaper if it were for the longer period. These questions, however, can be met after councils have passed the contract ordinance."

# WATERBURY'S TASK.

## Undertakes to Play a Piano Continuously for 24 Hours on a Wager.

Two gentlemen were disputing as to the length of time it would be possible to play a piano continuously, without pausing for even a moment's rest. A well-dressed, clean-shaven, nervous looking stranger, who happened to be sitting near enough overhear the conversation, volunteered the remark that he could play a piano 24 hours continuously. Pretty soon there was a heated argument between the stranger and the business man, with the result that the latter offered to bet $200 that the other was bluffing, and the bet was promptly covered by the stranger.

The details of the contest were then arranged. Permission was secured from S. Hamilton, the music dealer, to have the event take place in his window in Hamilton's Music House, 335 and 337 Fifth avenue, beginning at 4 o'clock this afternoon and lasting till 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Both hands must be on the keyboard all the time and both hands must play in unison. A distinct tune or melody must be going on all the time and the pianist must either sit or stand. Not a moment's intermission is allowed during the 24 hours. The pianist may eat, drink or smoke as much as he likes during the contest, but he must not cease playing. An attendant will be present all the time to wait on him.

Before the wager was made it has come out that the stranger is none other than J. M. Waterbury. Waterbury lives in St. Louis and first won fame in 1895 by playing the piano continuously for 25 hours at the Lamb's club in New York. This was also done on a wager. And he has since engaged in many contests of endurance playing.

# MR. AND MRS. ROOSEVELT GIVE OFFICIAL DINNER

## Mr. and Mrs. Knox and Mr. and Mrs. Dalzell Among the Guests.

[By Leased Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Eighty guests were seated in the beautiful state dining room of the White House tonight at the first official dinner of the season, when the President and Mrs. Roosevelt entertained the members of the cabinet and a number of senators, representatives and other friends.

The president and Mrs. Roosevelt received the guests in the blue room while the other drawing rooms, were fragrant with the perfume of American Beauty roses. The hostess was becomingly gowned in white brocade with an elaborate trimming of point lace. Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, Miss Carew, who is spending the winter with her, wore a handsome gown of white satin, trimmed with crystal passamenterie. Miss Roosevelt, who grows prettier every day, looked remarkably well in a pale blue satin gown.

The president escorted Mrs. Hay to the dining room, while the secretary of war, Mr. Root, gave his arm to Mrs. Roosevelt in the absence of Mr. Hay.

Among the president's guests tonight were Attorney General and Mrs. Knox, Senator and Mrs. Fornker, Mrs. Hanna, Speaker Cannon and Miss Cannon, Representative and Mrs. Grosvenor, Representative and Mrs. Dalzell, Gov. and Mrs. Odell, Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, and Mr. and Mrs. Myron T. Herrick.

# THREE COMPANIES MERGE.

## Interstate Finance Company Will Be Name of Three Concerns That Combined.

The officers and directors of the Fidelity Home and Realty Company and the Home Company of Pittsburgh and the Interstate Finance Company of Uniontown, have closed negotiations which have been pending for some time, and the Interstate Finance Company has been made the operating corporation. The Home Realty Company has been located at 410 Sixth avenue and the Fidelity Home and Realty Company is at 313 Fourth avenue. Both offices of the new company will be.

The following officers were chosen: W. L. Crawford, West Masontown, president; E. J. Boebdel, Pittsburgh, first vice president; Charles K. Straehl, second vice president; James A. Edwards, third vice president; Albert Dodge, secretary and treasurer.

The Interstate Finance Company, operating in Uniontown has had a very successful business in the coke regions, its first six months' earnings having enabled it to declare a dividend of 3 per cent on a capital of $10,000. The other companies have been operating in Pittsburgh for nearly a year. The new combination is officered by experienced financiers and will be able to operate more economically and mature loans very much more rapidly than the constituent companies could do operating separately.

## FOUR EGGS AND A FIGHT.

### Bartender Goes Outside for a Drink and Gets Into Trouble.

The sound of a police whistle which was being blown vigorously in a saloon at 1111 Carson street, South Side, at 10 o'clock last night took five officers to the place, and one man, Frank Klenic of 120 South Second street, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. His left eye was closed and his general appearance showed that he had been roughly handled. Klenic was taken to the police station and shortly afterward Louis Kepinski, proprietor of the saloon, appeared and asked for the prisoner's release, insisting that it was a mistake, police, whistle and all. Klenic was let out on a forfeit.

Klenic, who is a bartender in a rival saloon, went into Kepinski's place for a drink and, it is said, also helped himself to four eggs which were behind the lunch counter. Kepinski saw this and a fight followed. Four men attacked Klenic, and the proprietor of the place, fearing a rough house, blew for the police.

## COLD AND UNHAPPY.

### Sad Plight of a Girl Who Said She Was Put Out of Her Home.

Myrtle Lefenfski, aged 13, was found sitting on a doorstep in Washington avenue, South Side, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, crying and almost frozen. She was sent to the police station and kept there until last night, when her sister, Mrs. John Lutton of Orient alley, Thirty-eighth ward, took her home.

At the station the girl said her brother-in-law, John Lutton, with whom she had been making her home, had struck her Wednesday night and thrown her out of the house. She said that, having no place to go, she was forced to walk the streets all night. The cold finally proved too much for her and she sat down on the doorstep in despair.

# STEVENSON INQUIRES FOR FISCAL ESTIMATES

## Says They Ought to Have Been Presented to Councils at Last Meeting.

Councilman William H. Stevenson, chairman of the finance committee, interviewed the department directors yesterday, to learn when they will have ready their estimates of the funds necessary to run the departments for the coming year. The directors told Mr. Stevenson they would have their estimates in a few days.

Mr. Stevenson said the finance committee desired to have ample time to go over the estimates and he thought the figures should have been submitted to councils at the last meeting, for without a special meeting they cannot reach the finance committee before the beginning of 1904. The estimates for the current year were in before this time last year, yet the appropriation ordinances did not pass councils until April. They ought by rights to pass councils by the first Monday in February, Mr. Stevenson said.

Director Edward M. Bigelow will recommend to the finance committee a change in the method of making appropriations for street repairing. Last year the street repaving appropriations were made in a lump sum and a councilmanic committee selected the streets that were to be repaved. Mr. Bigelow will recommend that the old method be adopted, that is that a schedule be made out showing a specific appropriation be made for each street to be repaved. The councilmen who were to select the streets under this plan did not do the work until in the early fall, so that the repaving contracts could not be let until September, and the wards represented by the members of the special committee got the lion's share of the money.

## FORGOT THE VETO.

### Ordinance Becomes a Law Owing to the Forgetfulness of Mayor Hays.

The ordinance repealing the location of Fifty-fourth street between the Allegheny Valley railroad and the Allegheny river has not been returned to the city clerk by the mayor and therefore becomes a law by reason of his failure to act on it.

The mayor had prepared a veto to return to councils with the ordinance, but his secretary becoming known, several people interested in the matter called on him and protested. In consequence he held back the veto and the ordinance as well, and under the law it becomes operative because of his failure to veto it or sign it within the time limit of the message. It was passed on November 2.

The street is 200 feet long and 50 feet wide and is flanked by the Frank-Bickel and Machinery Company and the McConway-Torley Company.

## LARKIN'S ESTIMATE HIGH.

### But His Insistence on Pay for Switch Licenses Is Still Strong.

Controller John R. Larkin learned yesterday that the $65,000, which he thought was owed to the city for unpaid switch licenses, has been reduced by $24,518 75. The controller was informed by the city solicitor's office that Director Edward M. Bigelow had finished his investigation and had learned that $24,518 75 is against resident on private property, over which the city has no control.

The switch license collections to date are only $7,551 25, and Director Bigelow has reported to the city solicitor that $40,149 is still due. The city solicitor will try to collect the amount, and switch owners that do not pay will be prosecuted. The fact that licenses were not paying their fees was discovered by Mr. Larkin, who started a campaign to make them pay up.

## POSTAL NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The senate, in executive session today, confirmed the following nominations for postmaster: Ohio—J. Hellstern, Bridgeport; C. W. Carroll, St. Clairsville; R. C. Stewart, Toronto. Pennsylvania—J. L. Malcolm, Uniontown. West Virginia—W. H. Glover, Terra Alta. The president today sent to the senate the following nominations for postmasters in Pennsylvania: John L. Malcolm, Uniontown; Robert S. Bowman, Berwick; John M. Chase, Jr., Clearfield.

**Boy Had Narrow Escape.**

Robert Woods, a 5-year-old son of Richard Woods of Munhall, attempted to cross the street yesterday and failed to notice a street car approaching. He was struck, knocked down and dragged 20 yards before the motorman stopped the car. The boy was forced under the fender of the car, and police work required to raise the car and extract the unconscious boy. He is painfully injured on the head and body, but is expected to recover.

**Gaelic Society Elects Officers.**

After the meeting Wednesday night of Divisia No. 13, Ancient Order of Hibernians of Braddock, the O'Gorman Gaelic society of Pittsburgh elected the following officers to serve for the year 1904: President, John Cassidy; vice president, Miss Nellie Boyle; secretary, Michael O'Neill, 50 Sixth street; financial secretary, Michael Hennegan; treasurer, David Creed. A number of new members were initiated. The society, recognizing that the ladies have been the most efficient workers for the Gaelic revival, decided to request their cordial co-operation and to admit them to membership. The next meeting will be held Saturday at 8 o'clock at Marquette hall, 6 and 8 Sixth avenue.

**Change in North Braddock Street.**

East Pittsburgh borough council has decided to elevate and pave Braddock street its entire length through the Bulletin district. The work will be started as soon as possible. The street has been in bad shape for years. The matter of elevating the street was referred to by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the tracks of which parallel the street, and when the railroad company consented to the change, the property owners consenting to the raising provided the borough stood all damages.


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was able to do for them what the physicians were unable to do, simply because she had the proper information to work upon, and from the little group of women who sought her advice years ago, a great army of her fellow beings are to-day constantly applying for advice and relief, and during the last year many, many thousands every month have written and received valuable advice and help.

Nowhere except at Lydia E. Pinkham's laboratory in Lynn is there such an amount of information at hand to assist in the treatment of all kinds of female ills, from the simplest local irritation, to the most complicated diseases of the womb. The records of all the many hundreds of thousands of cases as to which advice has been asked are there kept on file by Mrs. Pinkham, and from this vast experience she is able to do more than the family physician for ailing women. Any woman, therefore, is responsible for her own suffering who will not take the trouble to write to Mrs. Pinkham for advice. The testimonials which we are constantly publishing from grateful women establish beyond a doubt the power of LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND to conquer female diseases.

# WESTINGHOUSE GETS CONTRACT

Will Furnish Additional Equipment for London Lighting Plant.

OPENING OF NEW OIL FIELD

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Herald Building, Herald Square,
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.

The Westinghouse interests have secured a contract for additional equipment to be installed in the city of London's electric lighting company's central power station. The order just to hand calls for a direct current shunt-wound generator of 1,500 kilowatts capacity. The machines will be mounted direct on the shaft of the engine. It will run at 75 revolutions a minute and will practically be a duplicate of several other Westinghouse generators which are working in the same plant, one of the most important of its description in Europe.

A large plant is to be built in Pittsburgh for the manufacture of brooms. The capacity of the plant will be about 5,000 brooms a day. The plant will turn out the specialties of the International Broom Company of New York and is expected to be in active operation inside of 60 days.

O. H. Barker, an old Pennsylvania oil expert, who is now interested in the Tobasco Oil Company, which concern owns large oil lands in the vicinity of Tacuspand de Tobasco, Mexico, is on his way to Pittsburgh for the purpose of placing some substantial contracts for oil drilling machinery.

The Tabasco oil fields are among the richest in the southern republic. Drillings have been made by the company to a total depth of 850 feet. Three oil-bearing strata have been struck. The first stratum at 500 feet produced one barrel of crude oil. At 700 feet another stratum showed a yield of a barrel a day. At a depth of 825 feet the yield was two barrels a day. It is only in exceptional cases that a large flow of oil is found near the surface.

The oil found thus far by the Tabasco company is claimed to be a very fine lubricant and in addition it contains 25 per cent of illuminating oil. The drilling machinery that was first installed in the field was supposed to be adequate for all purposes, but further investigation shows that a greater depth will be procured that is said to be even superior to the Franklin (Pa.) product. The prospects are that at a greater depth the quality and the quantity of oil will be better still, and the company sends Mr. Barker to Pittsburgh to look up the best model machinery for sinking deep wells.

Preliminary examinations of a route for a 30-mile pipe line to deliver the oil to tidewater are being made. This will mean the placing of further contracts in Pittsburgh for pipe.

Mr. Barker says that the Tabasco field in which Pennsylvania capital is interested to a considerable extent indicate that there will be more oil found there than in any other fields in the world; that if experience goes for anything the lands in that part of Mexico will be the largest producers ever discovered and that in conditions existing in the southern republic are so peculiar that oil found in Tabasco will be more valuable than in any other part of the world on account of its value as a fuel.

## ALL THREE SUFFOCATED.

Mother, Father and Child Dead in Fire, Will Be Buried Together.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—William Benedict, his wife and 8-months-old child were suffocated at their home in Ashland, Ky., this morning.

The building was discovered to be on fire and when the flames were extinguished the three were found lifeless in an upstairs room.

The baby caught fire from an open grate, there being straw under the carpet. Mr. Benedict worked at the Shoat mill. The three bodies will be buried tomorrow in the same grave.

## FUN FOR THE CHILDREN.

American Mechanics of Allegheny Plan a Week of Pleasure for Little Ones.

A week's entertainment is being planned by Allegheny council No. 112, O. U. A. M., for the children of the members. The opening entertainment will be given in the auditorium of the Third ward schoolhouse on Tuesday, December 29. The remainder of the week will be spent in theater parties and other outings. From the Northern Home in Philadelphia the lodge will bring six orphans who will take part in the festivities.

The following state officers have announced their intention of being present: State Councilor C. A. Westerman, Vice Councilor W. H. Whitehead of Wellsport, Pa.; Past Councilor Frank Innis, Jr., Chester, Pa., and State Secretary W. A. Pike of Philadelphia. The committee on arrangements is composed of John Low, Waldo McConnell, W. M. Rimmell, J. C. Seneker and C. J. Rothfus.

## TWO WATCHES MISSED AFTER M'GRAW WENT OUT

Martin McGraw, alias H. C. Mason, who says his home is in Buffalo, is charged with larceny by John A. Studer or Studer & Gauss, jewelers, 215 Federal street, Allegheny. Studer alleges that on December 2 McGraw went to the store and asked to have his eyes examined. He then asked if he could look at some gold watches, and was shown a full tray. He made no purchases, but when he left the store it was discovered that two gold watches, valued at $100, were missing. Studer identified McGraw as the man who was in the store just before the watches were missed. The watches were recovered in a Pittsburgh pawn shop.

### Negroes Charged With Robbery.

Edward Wilson, Peter White and Ad Natchett, negroes, were arrested at Canonsburg Wednesday night and are now in the Allegheny county jail charged with having robbed Joseph Bridgeman, a contractor, at Treveskin on December 1. They were identified by Bridgeman.

### Electric Club to Publish Magazine.

The Electric club of Wilkinsburg, composed mainly of employes of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, has completed its preparations for starting a monthly magazine, to be called the Electric Club Journal. It will be devoted to electrical affairs. The first number will appear February 1.

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### Buster Brown's Good Resolution.

Resolved!

That it is high time for good little boys to do something for fever-stricken Butler children. Who will do it? Pittsburg's lads and Buster Brown. This is one of the resolutions that Buster will present on next Tuesday afternoon and evening at the Butler benefit, Conservatory of Music, Dunlap street, near Fifth avenue. Tickets 25c afternoon, 50c evening. Buster Brown and the All Star Vaudeville Company.

# GORMAN WILL NOT BE THE CHAIRMAN

Col. Jas. M. Guffey Said to Be Slated as National Leader of Democrats.

HE IS THE PARTY'S BEST MAN

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Press Building,
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 17.

It can be stated upon the best authority that the story recently sent out from Washington that Senator A. P. Gorman had been asked and had consented to succeed Senator John K. Jones as Democratic national chairman is not true. The story, which was no doubt inspired by friends of Gorman, was to the effect that he, like Grover Cleveland, had withdrawn his name as a presidential possibility, and at the urgent solicitation of Democratic national leaders, had consented to accept the position of national chairman.

It may be possible, and it is more than probable, that Mr. Gorman has relinquished his presidential aspirations. That he has made this sacrifice is no doubt due to the fact that he realized the impossibility of securing the nomination. It might further be stated that it is quite within the range of reason that Mr. Gorman would like to occupy the position of national chairman. As he has never held that honor, it would be unkind to say that he is without ability to meet the requirements of this distinction.

But, it can be definitely stated that Senator Gorman has less chance of succeeding National Chairman John K. Jones than he has of leading the forlorn hope, as a presidential nominee. There may be some people in Maryland who believe that Mr. Gorman would make an acceptable pilot of the party of panics and political disaster next year. The suggestion has not become epidemic.

The man now foremost in the public eye, that is the Democratic iris, lives in Pittsburgh. Col. James M. Guffey seems to be the choice not only of the Democrats of Pennsylvania, but of the potential factors of his party in those other states which dominate national conventions. Ex-Gov. Robert Pattison, in a talk with your correspondent, said he had placed no credence in the published story to the effect that Senator Gorman might become national chairman.

Mr. Pattison said the party leaders had known for a long time—that is the national party leaders—that Col. Guffey was the most available, most acceptable and most aggressive man who could be selected as successor to Chairman Jones.

This, except for Guffey's name, is not confined to Pennsylvania Democrats, but is shared by such men as Charles F. Murphy of New York, and by the men who control Democratic politics in Indiana, Illinois, the southern states and Texas, in particular. It should be remembered that Col. Guffey, because of his important oil interests, has become a political as well as a financial figure in the Lone Star state.

As a matter of precedent emphasized by years of usage, southern Democrats work as a unit. Since 1861 they have absorbed and accented the adage: "United we stand, divided we fall."

There is very good reason for the assertion that Col. Guffey has a lead-pipe cinch upon the Democratic combine of the south, and controlling, as he does, the most important of the leaders of the states north of the Mason and Dixon line, frankness compels the admission that it will be Guffey, not Gorman, who will be at the head of the Democratic national organization next year.

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## ITALIANS WILL MAKE SHOWING AT ST. LOUIS

ROME, Dec. 17.—In the chamber of deputies today there was a debate on the measure appropriating $130,000 for Italian participation in the St. Louis exposition. Signor Luzzatti, minister of the treasury, promised that the government would do everything possible toward a proper representation. Signor Rava, minister of agriculture, said he wished to demonstrate to the people of the United States that Italy had become an industrial and manufacturing nation.

### Church Bells to Be Blessed.

Interesting exercises will be conducted next Sunday at the new Greek Catholic church being erected in Dickson street, Homestead, when the bells to be placed in the tower of the building will be blessed. The ceremonies will be attended by all the Greek Catholic priests in Western Pennsylvania and many of the lay members of the church. A parade will be held previous to the blessing of the bells. The new church is fast nearing completion. It is built of brick and stone and completed will cost $165,000.

### Six Committed to Penitentiary.

Albert Jones, alias James Anderson, colored, who was captured after an exciting chase when robbing the home of Thomas Bakewell at 829 Ridge avenue, Allegheny, was yesterday taken to the Western penitentiary to serve six and one-half years for burglary. Five other prisoners were also committed to the penitentiary to serve from two to five years. The prisoners were all convicted in this county.

### Said He Hit Him With a Cane.

Philip May of Sixth avenue, Carnegie, was held for court in $300 bail by Alderman John Groetzinger yesterday on a charge of assault and battery. Zellie Burleigh of Seventh avenue, Carnegie, declared May struck him on the head with a cane several times without any provocation.

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# LOAN BILL VETO WAS OF NO AVAIL

Mayor Weaver's Decire Overridden by the Philadelphia Council.

POLITICAL WAR IS PROMISED

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Press Building,
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 17.

The Republican organization today threw down the war gauntlet to Mayor John Weaver. The issue is the $16,000,000 loan bill. This looks like a real break. Since Insurance Commissioner Durham returned from Europe the organization and the administration have ostensibly had several differences of a serious nature. All of these were settled, so far as the general public knew, and harmony was achieved in each instance with a loud flourish of trumpets.

The municipal loan bill, the cause of the rupture, has been a troublesome factor. As first introduced in councils, with the indorsement of the organization, it provided for a loan of $25,000,000. It was passed finally in this shape and sent to the mayor. Before the mayor had a chance to act upon it, councils withdrew the bill.

When again reintroduced the bill provided for $16,000,000. Again it was passed by both branches and sent to the mayor. At the meeting held last week common council voted to withdraw the second bill from the mayor. Select council acting upon orders given by the organization refused to concur in the motion to withdraw and today the mayor sent to councils his veto of the bill.

Again today, acting under orders, councils passed the ordinance over the mayor's veto by an overwhelming majority. Select council voted unanimously to override the mayor's veto. There were 41 select councilmen present, the only absence being Thomas J. Ryan, the Democratic member, who had business elsewhere. In common branch the vote to pass the bill, notwithstanding the veto of the mayor was 120 odd to 18.

Mayor Weaver went to Washington at the hour councils convened, and it is impossible to state just how joyous he may be over this day's developments.

The bill, which will now be submitted to the voters of the city for approval or rejection, contains the following items: Water filtration, $3,000,000; schools, $2,000,000; new municipal hospital, $900,000; new alms house, $1,000,000; paving, $1,000,000; repaving, $700,000; Torresdale or northeast boulevard, $1,000,000; south boulevard, $500,000; bridges, $1,000,000; police, patrol and fire houses $260,000; parkways $2,000,000; to abolish railroad grade crossings, $1,000,000.

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## The Three Rivers

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—The stage of the river at 8 p. m. today marked 7.6 feet and falling, making a fall of 7 tenths of a foot during the past 24 hours. Weather clear and moderating. The weather is general all over and there does not seem much hope of relief until a thaw comes. Much new ice was formed last night in the paths made by the harbor boats yesterday.

The river is frozen over and gorged at all points above here. The work of the Relief, Adele and Douglas Hall has made it possible to move coal craft from one harbor to another, and the coal harbors here are protected and it will take a very warm and sudden rain to do much damage. The coal fleets have been surrounded with empty barges, which throw the ice away from the fleets. The other craft might suffer some, but they are protected with extra lines.

The ice-breaking harbor boats went up the Licking river last night and broke up the ice for a distance of about a mile and a half, but this morning the stream was mostly frozen over from bank to bank. As a consequence of the freeze-up, business is at a standstill and navigation is entirely suspended. People are crossing the Ohio on foot for the first time in years.

STEUBENVILLE—River 2 feet 8 inches and stationary. Weather clear and cold.

GREENSBORO—River 6 feet 2 inches and stationary. Weather fair and cold.

POINT PLEASANT—River 1 foot 1 inch and falling. Weather clear and cold. Both rivers frozen over.

MARIETTA—River 3 feet and falling. Zero weather. River cleared above and below.

HUNTINGTON—River 4 feet 3 inches and falling. No boats.

GALLIPOLIS—River 3 feet 9 inches and falling. Weather clear and cold.

PARKERSBURG—River 3.6 feet and falling. Weather clear and cold.

LOUISVILLE—River stationary at 3 feet 2 inches in the canal, 1 foot 1 inch on the falls and 4 feet 9 inches below the falls. Weather clear and cold. Navigation is suspended on account of heavy ice.

WHEELING—River 3 feet 1 inch and stationary. Clear and cold. New gorge quarter of a mile in length has formed below the city.

OIL CITY—River 2 feet 4 inches and rising. Weather cloudy and milder.

MORGANTOWN—River 7 feet and closed. Weather cloudy and mild.

WARREN—River 1 foot. Weather cold and light snow.

## NEW PROPHET APPEARS.

Sees Rise Before Christmas—Remarkable River Conditions.

Capt. Isaac D. Williams of the United States Inspector's office sees a rise coming. He predicts that it will be here about Christmas and maybe sooner. Old prophets have been making all kinds of predictions recently, and some of them don't look for much of a change for a few weeks.

Marks showed about a foot more water in the Pittsburgh harbor yesterday, but this is said to be due to ice at Davis island dam, where all crevices have been closed up. Men were at work there yesterday breaking ice above the dam.

Reports are that the Ohio is practically frozen over between Pittsburgh and Evansville, except at a few harbors. But the low stage of the river is regarded as just remarkable. Old captains say it has been many years since the Ohio has been frozen over so completely. They are also commenting upon the low water from Pittsburgh to Cairo. Capt. Holmes Hargar says he never knew the water to be so low between the places named, and his recollection dates back 40 years. The fact that the river is low requires a clearance without much damage in case of a sudden rise. The ice will break up and get away without filling up the river.

### River Notes.

The new steel boats being built on the Allegheny wharf by James Rees & Sons Co. are nearing completion. They will be launched as soon as there is enough water.

The steamer Gleaner and her tow are said to be in danger from the ice below Mt. Vernon.

Capt. W. D. Ward of St. Louis, a pilot on the Missouri for 40 years, has been in Pittsburgh for the last 15 days in the interest of a plan for the erection of docks and piers, filling in of banks, and a plan whereby it is proposed to make rivers more navigable. He says rivermen here are gradually regarding the project with much favor. He proposes to make the Ohio and all rivers navigable all the time by dredging crossings out systematically all the way from source to mouth, and where needed he proposes to put in wing dams to throw the water where it is spread out too much. He says there is to be a meeting at St. Louis soon to discuss the plans and put them in shape to present to congress.

## RAILROADS ARE BUILDING UP THE WINTER COKE TRAFFIC

The falling off of coke shipments has resulted in ratoty unusual activity on the part of the Pennsylvania lines to control business. It is said that the company now has more hopper cars than the demand calls for, and rather than allow valuable equipment to remain idle it is offering special inducements in the way of train service for coke movements. A contract has recently been made with the Ohio plant of the United States Steel Corporation at Youngstown to supply it with coke from the Connellsville district and smaller contracts have been made with other interests in the Shenango and Mahoning valleys as well as elsewhere. A contract has also been made with the Hubbard furnace, which calls for only one car of coke every other day.

To get this business, however, the Pennsylvania railroad and lines west will run fast freight trains from Youngstown on the Pittsburgh division, to Youngstown. The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie formerly controlled some of this.

Several years ago after the close of the lake season the Pennsylvania was unable to use thousands of its cars, which during the summer were employed in the transportation of ore and coal. In recent years, however, the conditions have been reversed, but from the present outlook it would appear that the supply of hopper cars will far exceed the demand for the winter.

The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie is also trying to build up its coke movements, despite the discouraging state of the market. Dickerson Run, across the river from Dawson, will likely be made a central shipping point for the Lake line. Although the force of men employed at the Dickerson Run coke plant has recently been decreased by nearly one half, the company is making improvements to its repair facilities there so that when the coke trade picks up it will be in a better position to handle the business.

### Organizing Division.

Gen. Supt. W. C. Lerse of the Pittsburgh grand division went to Wheeling yesterday to meet T. J. Foley, the general superintendent of the new Wheeling grand division, to regularly turn over the Cleveland and Newark subdivisions. The conference was attended by General Superintendent Bigelow, Assistant Gen. Supt. Fitzpatrick, who also gives up two divisions from the Baltimore grand division.

Shippers of the district are familiar with the action of the Baltimore & Ohio operating officials in increasing the territory of the Pittsburgh grand division during the incumbency of Gen. Supt. Woodford, and the subsequent resignation of that officer was due partly to the addition to this division. There have been few people, outside of Baltimore, familiar with the conditions here, who did not realize that the territory of the Pittsburgh grand division was somewhat too large. With the change it is believed that better service will result. Mr. Foley is a practical operating man and his organization of the new division will doubtless be thorough and complete.

### Laying Off Men.

As a result of the meeting held here a month ago between the maintenance of way engineers and operating officials of the Baltimore & Ohio which was for the purpose of reducing expenses, the engineering corps located at Bidwell, on the Connellsville division, has been reduced from 27 to 10 men. It is believed that this will mean a suspension of the work of surveying a short line from Confluence to Morgantown, W. Va. At Connellsville 14 car repairmen have been laid off and more shop employes will likely receive similar notices.

### Railroad Notes.

George Hood, a well-known Ft. Wayne passenger agent, has retired on a pension.

An additional parlor car, beginning yesterday, will be carried on the Ft. Wayne Cleveland flyer, leaving here at 5 p. m. The car will return on No. 800, leaving Cleveland at 9 a. m.

Shipments of coal and coke originating on the Pennsylvania railroad east of Pittsburgh and Erie for the week ending December 12, aggregated 741,852 tons, divided as follows: Coal, 504,978; agglomerate, 4,074; bituminous, 232,222.

Effective yesterday, the Pennsylvania railroad established additional trains to handle the holiday express business. Arrangements for the service were made at a meeting held here two weeks ago between the handling officials and the Adams Express Company men.

Where the Wabash intends crossing the Baltimore & Ohio at Hacker's Junction on the Pennsylvania branch, the latter road has built two tracks on either side of the branch line six feet below the surface of the present tracks. It is believed to be an effort to prevent the Wabash from ever entering Pittsburgh.

Charles F. Nyce has been appointed New England freight agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, vice J. A. Achley, resigned. J. L. Eysmans will succeed Mr. Nyce as eastern passenger agent, with headquarters at New York, and N. J. Elliott will follow Mr. Eysmans as district freight solicitor at Baltimore.

## DOWNWARD TREND CONTINUES IN COKE

Another Thousand Ovens Are Added to Those Already Idle in Connellsville Region.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CONNELLSVILLE, PA., Dec. 17.—The downward trend in the coke trade continues in spite of the fact that the operators profess to be endeavoring to their utmost to better conditions. Instead of improving, as was anticipated, the reports this week show that over 1,000 ovens were added to the idle list, and production decreased over 10,000 tons. The shipments were discouragingly light, showing a marked decrease to all consuming points, and aggregated only 87 per cent of the normal producing capacity of the region.

Without doubt the most demoralizing condition in the coke trade has been reached, and, although the Frick Coke Company hopes by its reduction of from 18 to 17 per cent to regain hold of the declining trade and bring it back to a sounder basis, there is no plausible reason for believing that the demand will be increased in the immediate future.

There appears to be some extraneous influence dominating the trade, and until this is removed there is little hope of a betterment.

A summary of the coke trade for the week shows 22,757 ovens in the region, with 3,585 ovens in blast and 12,782 ovens idle. The changes of the week include the blowing out of 762 ovens and the banking of two plants, 475 ovens. Of the 60 plants in operation, 39 plants, 2,067 ovens, made six days; 81 plants, 4,722 ovens, five days; one plant, 40 ovens, two days; seven plants, 2,205 ovens, four days; 33 ovens, the Semet-Solvay, seven days, an average of 5.61 days.

The production of the region for the week, estimated upon the ovens drawn, amounted to 101,145 tons, as compared with 91,395 tons the week previous, a decrease of 10,245 tons. Shipments of coke from the region in cars for the week amounted to 4,300 cars, as compared to 3,940 cars the week previous, a decrease of 540 cars.

The shipments were distributed as follows: To Pittsburgh and river points, 1,775 cars, a decrease of 140 cars; to points west of Pittsburgh, 1,445 cars, a decrease of 80 cars; to points east of Everson, 1,110 cars, a decrease of 40 cars. The shipments in tons, estimated upon reports received from shipping points, amounted to 97,435 tons, as compared with 101,856 tons the week previous, a decrease of 4,101 tons. The shipments from the new Masontown coke field amounted to 450 cars, as compared to 440 cars the week previous, an increase of 40 cars. The shipments in tons is estimated at 13,440 tons, as compared with 11,580 tons the week previous, a decrease of 1,460.

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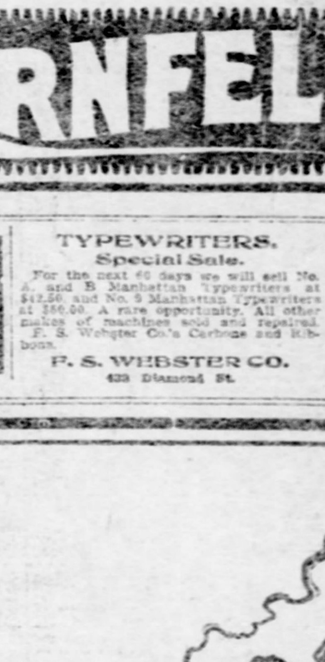


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# WOMEN MANAGERS HELD A SESSION

## St. Louis Fair Board to Be Permitted to Increase Its Membership.

### LETTER SENT TO MRS. BLAIR

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—A joint session of the board of lady managers and the National World's fair commission was held today for the purpose of conferring over parliamentary procedure to govern the deliberations of the former body. The entire commission visited the ladies board and addresses were made by Commissioners Carter, Thurston and Lindsay, who told the ladies they could adopt their own rules and that the commission did not wish to interfere.

After the conference with the ladies' board the National commission prepared the following letter, which was sent to Mrs. Blair, former president of the ladies board, by President Carter:

Dear Madame: You are respectfully informed that your resignation as a member of the board of lady managers has been accepted by the commission. Your devotion to the exposition, and the zeal and ability with which you discharged the duties of the office of president of the board are duly appreciated.

In the name of the members of the commission I convey to you the assurance of their high regard and personal consideration. Very respectfully,

THOMAS H. CARTER, President.

The board of lady managers today sent a request to the national commission asking the commission to suspend its rules to allow for the appointment of a St. Louis woman to membership on the board. The rule in question specifies that no more members shall be appointed to the board until the number becomes less than 21. There are now 22 members. The commission replied that it would gladly suspend the rules whenever the directors of the exposition request the appointment of a St. Louis member and name the choice of the directors for that membership.

Mrs. Frederick Hanger of Little Rock, Ark., secretary of the board, today presented her resignation, explaining that circumstances made it impossible for her to take up her residence in St. Louis during the World's Fair. No action was taken. Mrs. Hanger has twice previously tendered her resignation as secretary, but on each occasion the board refused to consider it.

After the session it was stated that a committee will probably be appointed to proceed to Washington and request congress to furnish the board with funds. It is rumored that the request will be for $100,000. So far the board has been without funds.

## PLEA OF INSANITY.

### Entered for Eben Pierce Whose Wife Tells of His Strange Actions.

COUDERSPORT, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A plea of insanity has been made in the case of Eben Pierce, who is on trial charged with the killing of Byron McNess last August, while the two were on a fishing excursion. Pierce's wife was on the stand today and she said her husband had frequently written to Mrs. William McKinley requesting the gift of a few of his old suits worn by the president, as he desired to make political speeches. She further testified that Pierce used a shotgun last spring in making holes in which to plant cabbage. On another occasion, Mrs. Pierce said, her husband started out to purchase a new suit, but returned with a bottle of cologne and a punching bag, saying that he had decided to go into training at once for a fight with Jeffries.

### Bowling Records Were Broken.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The local bowling team record was broken here last night by the New Castle club, which rolled up 2,568 pins against the Independents in three games in the tournament series now being played under the auspices of the New Castle Bowling Association. Brandt also broke the local individual record in competition by scoring 629 in competition. The scores follow:

| New Castle— | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pierce | 173 | 162 | 135 |
| Miller | 150 | 160 | 151 |
| Matheny | 158 | 189 | 192 |
| Maxwell | 196 | 173 | 151 |
| Blazek | 193 | 191 | 245 |
| Totals | 870 | 874 | 884 |
| Independents— | | | |
| Hannegs | 134 | 191 | 122 |
| Glass | 169 | 127 | 163 |
| McIntosh | 176 | 176 | 163 |
| Caswell | 149 | 163 | 113 |
| Huston | 101 | 156 | 156 |
| Totals | 729 | 807 | 698 |

### BASKETBALL NOTES.

The Trinity A. C. defeated the Pastime A. C. last night at Trinity hall 8 to 5. The feature of the game was the fast playing of the winners.

The Crescent A. C. would like to hear from 90 lb. or 14-year-old teams having a ball for any day during the year. Address John Curry, 2228 Harcums alley, South Side.

The South Side Turners third basketball team would like to arrange games with the following teams: Wesleys, Railroad Midgets, Verner Juniors of Sharpsburg, Rezer and South Side High school. Address Howard Tritschler, 1219 Carson street, city.

Tonight at Watson Church gymnasium the Hamilton will meet the Pennsylvania Five in a game which will no doubt be hotly contested. The Hamilton boys are in good trim, as was shown by the score last Friday, and think they can again get away with the trick.

Manchester's new circus seats have been completed and were used in the game last Monday night. These seats afford a larger number to view the game from the stage than previous arrangement did, and also gives them a much better view, as no one can get in front of them.

The Friendship Five would like to hear from the following teams in regard to games: North Side, Newman, Marquette, Trentons, LaBelles, Olympic Juniors, Tarentum Juniors, Rosebuds and all other good 16-year-old teams having balls. Address Wm. J. Ferrip, 14 Aspin avenue, Allegheny, or call up 1696 Court, Bell 'phone.

The Railroad Juniors will play the Wilmerding second team on Saturday evening at Wilmerding Y. M. C. A. hall. Manager Mueller would like to hear from all good 16-year-old teams for games at home and abroad. Address W. C. Mueller, care Pennsylvania Company Employment association, Sedgwick street, Allegheny.

The Trentons defeated the fast Superior A. A. of Allegheny 12 to 6 in one of the fastest games ever seen at Trinity hall. The first half ended with the score 4 to 3 in favor of Trenton. The second half proved to be a faster one. Both teams put up a good game. This game ties the series, each team winning one.

Manchester's next argument on its home floor will be with the Pittsburgh Lyceum team. The Pittsburgh boys are in undisputed possession of third place, having attained this position by defeating the strong Allegheny Lyceum five on the latter's floor last Tuesday night. The Pittsburgh Lyceum Juniors and the Manchester Juniors will play the preliminary to the Manchester-Pittsburgh Lyceum game next Monday night.

The Railroad Rough team has organized for the season and is ready to meet all good 11 and 12-year-old teams. Barney Stringer will be manager, captain and forward. The team is composed of Morrow, Pilkington, Keeny, Reffenider and Kelly. Manager Mueller of Railroad Juniors will referee all home games. The team has not secured a hall so far, but is practicing for the present in Reffenider court, Sedgwick street. All teams desiring games will please address Barney Stringer, care reading room, Sedgwick street, Allegheny.


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# SOCIETY

MRS. STARLING WINSTON CHILDS, the bride who is being entertained by her husband's friends and relatives, was honor guest at a luncheon which was given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Winfield K. Shiras of Colonial place, Mr. Childs' sister. Mrs. Shiras entertained her friends at the Pittsburgh Golf club, it having been during the afternoon. One prize was awarded at each table, and among the winners were Miss Virginia Bugbman, Miss Louise Stinson Speer, Miss Clara Hussey, Mrs. Eugene Messler, Mrs. Reuben Varick Messler, Mrs. James Wood Scully, Mrs. George W. Bissell, Mrs. James Harold Childs, Mrs. Henry Graham Brown, Mrs. Bailey Howard and Miss Margaretta Wood. The prizes were dainty cretonne-covered handkerchief and glove boxes.

The room where the tables were placed had pretty decorations of English holly, the bright red berries and their leaves being tastefully arranged over pictures, doorways and chandeliers. Mrs. Shiras wore a handsome gown of a soft, changeable-colored material, with white tulle hat and long white plume. The bride wore a smart afternoon gown of white cloth, with a light blue hat trimmed with a plume to match. Mrs. Harry Graham Brown poured tea. The gowning of the women and girls present was especially dainty.

Mrs. Childs was Miss Jennie May Coffin of Lynn, Mass., before her marriage a few months ago. She and her husband are now making their home with Mr. Childs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Childs, in Amberson avenue. Later they will go to housekeeping in their own house.

### Celebrated Eighty-Sixth Anniversary.

With a little family gathering Mrs. Margaret Long Davis celebrated her 86th birthday anniversary last evening at the home of her son, Dr. Thomas D. Davis, in Shady avenue. The celebration took the form of a dinner at which only the immediate relatives were present. A number of beautiful gifts were received by Mrs. Davis from her friends.

Mrs. Davis is the widow of the Rev. James Davis of this city, and is the oldest member of the Second Presbyterian church. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were both born in Third avenue, between Market and Ferry streets, the former in 1808 and the latter in 1817. In 1834 they were married at the bride's home, Third avenue and Ferry street. After their marriage they went south for a short time, returning to Pittsburgh just before the opening of the civil war.

Mrs. Davis is a member of one of Pittsburgh's oldest families and among her relatives are Mrs. Martha Frew, her sister, Henry W. Long, a brother, and William A. Frew, her nephew.

### Euchre at Edgehill.

Edgehill, the handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy Neale, was handsomely decorated last evening when Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy entertained about 100 of their friends. The game was six-hand euchre, and the 10 prizes were especially beautiful and novel. Five baskets of dainty workmanship brought from the east by Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy's florist were filled with exquisite flowers, the first containing American Beauties, all the more artistic because of the simple manner in which they were arranged. A long hamper was filled with carnations and mignonette, another with red roses, a fourth with assorted blossoms, and the fifth with violets. These were the ladies' prizes. Boxes of cigars were presented to the gentlemen.

### Reed—Beeson Nuptials.

At the home of the bride's parents, on East Maiden street, Washington, Pa., last evening, occurred the marriage of Miss Harriette Baird Reed of Washington and Alexander Conn Beeson of Uniontown. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. William E. Stemmons of the First Presbyterian church in the presence of 150 guests. The honor maid was Miss Katharine Brownlee Reed, a sister of the bride, and the best man was Charles S. Beeson of Uniontown. Little Miss Eleanor Jones and Master Gilmore Dunlap were ribbon wearers. After the wedding a reception was held, after which Mr. and Mrs. Beeson left on their honeymoon to "the east." Many guests were present from Pittsburgh and other points. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Colin M. Reed. She is a graduate of the Washington seminary. Mr. Beeson is a graduate of Washington & Jefferson college in the class of 1897. He is now directing with the engineering department of the Frick Coke Company.

### The Kennedys at the Schenley.

Judge and Mrs. John M. Kennedy of The Oaks, with the members of their family, have taken apartments at the Schenley until after Christmas. They left their home in Wilkins avenue about a month ago. Miss Narcissa Kennedy, the debutante daughter of the house, has as her guest Mrs. P. M. Cockrell of New Orleans, a daughter-in-law of Senator Cockrell of Missouri. Mrs. Cockrell has been in the city about a week and expects to remain until after the holidays. George R. Kennedy, who is finishing his last year at Princeton, is expected home next Wednesday for a two weeks' vacation.

### Informal Debutante Tea.

Miss Margaret Watson of Howe street gave an informal 4 o'clock tea yesterday afternoon for Miss Betty Wardrop of Sewickley, one of the season's debutantes. Miss Watson had as her assistants several of the debutantes, as well as a few older girls and some young married women. Mrs. Frank W. Sneed and Miss Laura Peet poured the chocolate. The principal decorations were in the dining room, where the centerpiece on the table was formed of Mexican poinsetta.

### Teachers Resign to Marry.

The school directors of Derry township are confronted with a serious difficulty in securing teachers. Previous to the close of the fall term several teachers resigned to be married during the Christmas vacation. Another vacancy in the corps of teachers was occasioned last evening by the marriage in Greensburg of Miss Daisy B. Gormley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark M. Gormley, who live near Derry, to Charles G. Allen of Blairsville.

### Washingtonians Wedded in Ohio.

Bert L. Fulton of Washington and Miss Pearl Amsler of West Washington, and John N. Bromley and Miss Mary V. Swingle, both of Washington, were married yesterday in Steubenville by the Rev. Mr. Boston, pastor of the Third Presbyterian church. Mr. Fulton is a musical composer. His bride is a graduate of the Washington seminary. Mrs. Bromley is a daughter of George Swingle, a hotel man.

### Wedding Day Set.

The wedding of Miss Laura Farwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Farwell of Murray Hill avenue, and Bernard J. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wenman A. Lewis of Amberson avenue, is set for Thursday, February 11. The wedding will take place in Calvary Episcopal church, in Penn avenue, the rector, the Rev. John H. McIlvaine, officiating. There is to be a large bridal party in attendance.

### Mrs. Snyder's Children's Party.

Mrs. W. P. Snyder of Colonial place has cards out for a children's party, which she will give on Tuesday, December 29.

# PERSONALS

Harry Davis, proprietor and manager of the Grand opera house and the Avenue theater, spent yesterday in New York attending a meeting of vaudeville managers, at which there was proposed a reform of much importance in the billing of attractions in the various cities throughout the country. The understanding which has existed for some time among vaudeville managers that attractions of the same kind shall not be pitted against each other at two vaudeville theaters at the same time in the same town has been violated repeatedly, it is said. The present meeting proposes to patch up this agreement, as well as look into some other agreements of theatrical importance.

H. M. Claggett, a prominent Pittsburgh civil engineer, left last night for New York. He will sail Saturday for England, where he will spend four days, when he will proceed to Borneo Island by way of Calcutta. He is representing a Pittsburgh company and goes there to make an examination of land which is thought to contain coal. He will make a geological survey and report his findings to the Pittsburgh company. It will take him six months to do the work.

R. A. McKee, international president of the hoisting engineers, spent yesterday in Pittsburgh. He had been in Washington in the interest of his union. He said the demand for hoisting engineers is increasing. "The new machinery being used to move material does away with laborers, but calls for more engineers."

Maj. H. D. Bulkley, comptroller of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, arrived in the city yesterday on business pertaining to the company.

W. C. Loree, general superintendent of the Baltimore & Ohio, in charge of the Pittsburgh system, returned last night from Wheeling, where he attended a meeting held to create a new system, which includes four divisions which enter that place. One of the divisions of the Pittsburgh system is incorporated in the new Wheeling system. The headquarters of the new system will be Wheeling.

G. O. Severance, assistant steward at the Union station dining room, left last night on a business trip to New York.

Former Senator William Andrews left last night for New Mexico.

### Neighbors Visiting Pittsburgh.

The nearby residents registered at the local hotels last night were as follows:

Henry—John W. Kephart, Ebensburg; E. S. Kock, Sharon; F. H. Frazier, Wheeling; F. L. DeVinis, Donora; M. F. Hoehs, Bowmanville.

Duquesne—William S. Rock, Erie; L. T. Eddy, Molesburg; W. B. Calver, Cleveland; J. I. Hustead, Uniontown; W. A. Scott, Greensburg.

Gilsmith—B. S. Stewart, Youngstown; A. H. Taut, Bradford; W. Leah, Wheeling; G. L. Cooper, Rochester.

Monongahela House—R. Hutton, Emlenton; J. Lauterfeld, Zelienople; T. Patterson, Punxsutawney; F. E. Cope, Newton Falls; J. Menefee, Monessen; J. V. Giffin, Saltsburg.

Seventh Avenue—E. H. House, Martins Ferry; B. Able, Titusville; J. P. Wilson, Punxsutawney; N. C. Urbick, Coshocton; J. W. Davis, Scottdale; E. W. Hill, East Liverpool.

Anderson—C. E. Wister, Mercer; R. Scanlon, Barnesboro.

Lincoln—J. V. Vogle, Canton; D. P. Good, Lock Haven; A. Jackson, Wheeling; Frank Murphy, Uniontown.

Colonial—H. L. Kountz, Sharon; E. C. Deum, East Charleroi; G. Bucks, East Liverpool.

Newell's—E. O. Myers, Greensburg.

## COSTLY BROKEN PANE.

### It Allowed Sparks to Enter and Destroy a Chair Factory.

CANAL DOVER, O., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Fire tonight destroyed the pattern shop and foundry of the Milner Seating Company, manufacturers of fine opera chairs, entailing a loss of about $16,000.

The insurance on the building destroyed and stock was $8,000. The company recently received orders for chairs of a high grade, and these were in process of manufacture in the assembly room and were destroyed.

The loss on account of the destruction of patterns is the largest single item. The fire is supposed to have originated from sparks of a locomotive, which entered the pattern room through a broken skylight.

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# Among the Clubs

### The Cathedrals of Amiens and Chartres.

The Cathedrals of Amiens and Chartres were discussed and illustrated by M. Andre Michel last evening in the Twentieth Century club house when the lecturer spoke before the members of the Pittsburgh branch of the Alliance Francaise. The lecture was delivered in French and was the last one of the series on French architecture.

M. Michel will speak on "Modern Art" on January 25, his subject dealing particularly with the work of Denis de Chavannes. At this time a dinner will be given preceding the lecture and a reception will be arranged in order that all of the members of the Pittsburgh branch may have an opportunity to personally meet the distinguished lecturer. The committee in charge includes Mrs. George G. Burgwin, Mrs. A. B. Shepard, John H. Klag Burgwin and Richard Bakewell.

Last evening Dr. Lucien Poirier gave a dinner for M. Michel and during the day the visitor spent several hours in some of the private art galleries in Pittsburgh and Allegheny, including those of the Byers estate, Charles Lockhart and D. T. Watson.

The officers of the Pittsburgh branch of the Alliance Francaise include the following: Honorary president, Dr. Lucien Poirier; president, Irwin B. Laughlin; first vice president, William Scott; second vice president, Mrs. John G. Holmes; third vice president, Joseph Woodwell; recording secretary, Irwin Laughlin; treasurer, Edward A. Woods; directors, Mrs. George G. Burgwin, Mrs. A. P. Bergwin, Mrs. Paschall Cary, Miss Hageman, Mrs. A. B. Shepard, Mrs. Joseph Wood, Miss Sproat, Bowman Sweitzer, Dr. Lawrence Litchfield and William L. Jones.

### To Create Interest in the Playgrounds.

A public meeting will be held in the hall of the Pittsburgh Conservatory of Music, in Dithridge street, on Thursday evening, January 7, under the auspices of the joint committee of Women's clubs. The purpose of the meeting is to increase the knowledge of the public in the work of the summer playgrounds and the vacation schools and to enlist the interest and cooperation of a larger number of people during the coming year than in the past. The work of the summer playgrounds as it affects the children of different nationalities and religious sects will be presented by a number of speakers, including Rabbi J. Leonard Levy, Bishop Regis Canevin and the Rev. E. R. Donehoo. Miss Kennard, the general chairman of the joint committee, will present its interests ably, seconded by Mrs. Samuel A. Ammon, the treasurer of the committee, and the chairmen of all the schools where the playgrounds and manual training work were introduced during the past summer. In order to carry on this work for the children through another year the club women feel it must be put on a larger financial basis, and the plans for the schools prepared only so far as there is money in the treasury to pay the bills. In past seasons the plans have been laid, and with a few hundred dollars in the treasury the expenditure of several thousand was planned for, thus incurring a vast amount of work in order that at the end of the season all the bills might be paid. Last year the Pittsburgh central board of education appropriated $3,000, while an appropriation of $1,000 was made by Allegheny councils. A meeting of the committee to arrange for the public meeting in January was held yesterday morning in the Twentieth Century club house. The other meeting will be held on January 9, when all arrangements will be completed.

### Students Exhibit Hand-Made Books.

An exhibit of over 60 books made by the first year students in the mechanical department of the Pittsburgh Academy will be held this afternoon. This is one interesting feature of the manual training and art work which constitute one branch of the comprehensive curriculum of the Pittsburgh academy. The exhibition will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the art room. At the same time will be placed on exhibition printed quotations adorned with fancy initial lettering by the advanced students of the mechanical department, and water-color sketches by the pupils in free-hand drawing and painting.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

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| James C. Greiner | Harrisburg, Pa. |
| Kate E. Lindsay | Bellevue |
| Charles Heckel | Sharpsburg |
| Mary Stauffer | Etna |
| Hugo C. Heil | Allegheny |
| Rosa E. Riggelmeyer | Allegheny |
| John Hoellein | Pittsburgh |
| Caroline L. Werner | Allegheny |
| Clarence P. Dietrich | Esplen |
| Rosella Richardson | Pittsburgh |
| Thomas A. Gannon | Pittsburgh |
| Carrie N. Zellers | Pittsburgh |
| John J. Donnelly | Port Perry, Pa. |
| Marian Robertson | Port Perry, Pa. |
| John W. Heller | Homestead |
| Florence Charlton | Homestead |
| William Alderson | Pittsburgh |
| Bessie Tabachler | New York City |
| Herman W. Fay | Pittsburgh |
| Jessie Kepler | Pittsburgh |
| Henry F. Geisehart | Allegheny |
| Emma C. Brinkman | Allegheny |


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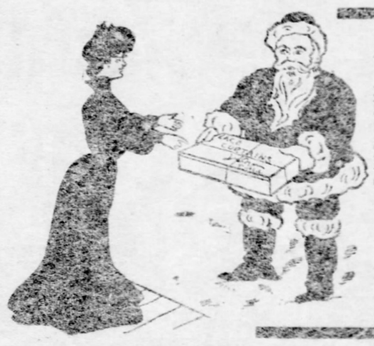

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A lot of leather Wrist Bags in a variety of styles and shades; reduced from 50c and 75c to ..... 35c
Walrus, Alligator and Saffian Bags; reduced from $5.00 to ..... $3.75

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A limited number of Silk Stocks; reduced from 50c and 75c to ..... 20c
A lot of fancy Silk Stocks; former prices 75c to $1.50, at ..... 50c

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Squirrel Scarfs; retail value $9.00 and $12.50; special for Friday at ..... $7.50 and $10.00
Fine American Isabella and Sable Fox Scarfs, trimmed with brush tails, cord and tassel; retail value $12.75, at ..... $9.75
Isabella and Sable Fox Scarfs; retail value $22.50, at ..... $15.00
Baum Marten four skin Scarfs; retail value $55.00, at ..... $40.00

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# STOCK MARKET DULL AT DECLINING PRICES

## Industrials Held Relatively Better Than the Railroad Shares—Atchison Bond Issue a Factor—Pittsburgh Coal Preferred Weak.

By JOHN O. BAGLIN, Financial Editor.

The eastern stock market was again dull and professional during the greater portion of the day, although the manipulation of a few specialties resulted in a moderate increase in the total volume of business, sales reaching 421,000 shares. During the morning session the undertone was steady to firm, with the industrials holding relatively better than the railroads. United States Steel preferred opened higher at 53¾ and advanced to 54½. While the demand for the stock in the loan crowd was less urgent, indicating that the short interest had been reduced, the offerings on the market were not large. The fact that there was no change made in structural prices, and that sentiment, if not actual conditions, in the iron trade, was more cheerful, seemed to have a sustaining effect on the market for the stock. Today the conference of the billet pool is scheduled to be held, and the bears were much less confident of a cut in price. The same is true with regard to the steel rail pool. The minor iron and steel stocks were extremely dull within a narrow range of fluctuations.

The signing of the Cuban reciprocity bill did not impart any activity or strength to Sugar, although the latter is expected to benefit through the operations of the measure. Sugar stock opened lower at 123, advanced to 125¾, but in the late dealings sold off to 123 and closed at the lowest. Amalgamated Copper was strong during the early part of the day and advanced to 40¾ on large transactions, but it became weak later, and for the first time in several days closed at a net loss for the day. Consolidated Gas was very strong and moderately active, advancing to 138½, but reacting to 136 at the close.

The announcement that the Atchison road had sold to J. P. Morgan & Co. $10,000,000 general mortgage bonds for the purpose of buying equipment and making extensions was the only piece of news affecting railroad stocks. The street construed it unfavorably, although such action has been rumored during the last six months. A general selling movement followed the announcement and prices gradually receded until the close, which was at or near the lowest of the day. Steel preferred was one of the few stocks which closed at a net gain. The sinking fund bonds, however, sold off from 69¾ to 69¼.

There was no change in the call loan market, rates ranging between 5½ and 4 per cent. Sterling exchange was strong and higher, making an advance of a cent on the pound from the recent low price. If sterling should remain firm and money rates decline, the effect would be to temporarily stop further engagements of gold for important.

The Bank of England rate of discount remained unchanged at 4 per cent, but the weekly statement of the bank reflected the drain of gold. Loans increased £2,800,000, and the reserve decreased $2,945,000, reducing the percentage to liability to 48.71 per cent, as compared with 43.07 per cent last week.

The feature of the local stock market yesterday was the weakness in Pittsburgh Coal. The common stock broke to 17 just before the close of the market, making a net loss of 1½ per cent for the day. The preferred stock sold down to 57, a new low mark, and recovered only a fraction, the close showing a net loss of 1¼ per cent. River Coal preferred sold at 28, which for the first time this year placed it above the parity of Pittsburgh Coal preferred. The weakness of the latter exerted a sympathetic effect upon the entire market, which was heavy. Crucible Steel preferred declined to 87¾, the lowest ever quoted, and United States Steel common declined to 10½, which is near its low price record. National Fire Proofing common declined to 6¾, while a small lot of the preferred changed hands at 22½, a slight advance. Pittsburgh Brewing was not affected by the announcement of the formation of a large rival concern, the common stock selling unchanged at 25 and the preferred at 43½. Manufacturers Light and Heat sold off to 29½. Westinghouse Electric was inactive and declined a small fraction to 77¾. In the bond list Brewing 6s advanced ¼ to 113¼, and Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Connellsville 5s declined ¼ to 92½. The market closed dull and heavy all around, but with some evidence of support in Pittsburgh Coal.

## PITTSBURGH STOCKS.

Sales on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday were 8,410 shares stock and $6,000 bonds, as follows:

### 10 A. M. to 10:30 A. M.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | Mfrs. L. & H. | 30 | 20 |
| $1000 | Brewing 6s | 113¾ | |
| 25 | River Coal pfd. | 28 | |
| 20 | do. | 28 | |
| 3 | Pgh. Coal pfd. | 57 | |
| 50 | Electric 24s | 17¾ | |
| 200 | Brewing | 25 | |

### 10:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Pgh. Coal pfd. | 58 | |
| 50 | do. | 58½ | |
| 40 | do. | 58¾ | |
| 35 | do. | 58¾ | |
| 100 | do. | 58 | |
| 50 | Electric 24s | 17¾ | |
| 100 | Brewing | 26 | |
| 50 | do. | 26 | |
| 25 | do. | 26 | |
| 11 | do. | 26 | |
| 100 | U. S. Steel pr | 53 | |
| 10 | Electric 24s | 78 | |
| 32 | do. | 78 | |

### 12:30 P. M. to 2 P. M.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Crucible pfd. | 28 | |
| 10 | do. | 27¾ | |
| 50 | do. | 28 | |
| 50 | Electric 24s | 17¾ | |
| 10 | do. | 29½ | |
| 20 | do. | 29¾ | |
| 50 | Pgh. Coal pfd | 57¾ | |
| 50 | Mfrs. L. & H. | 20¾ | |
| 25 | Pgh. Coal pfd. | 57¾ | |
| 100 | do. | 20¾ | |
| 200 | Pgh. Coal | 17 | |
| 10 | Crucible pfd. | 28 | |
| 10 | do. | 28 | |
| 50 | Fire Proof | 6¾ | |
| 10 | Fire Proof pf. | 22½ | |

### Summary.

| Shares. | | High. | Low. | Last Sale. | Ch'ge. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 475 | Brewing | 25 | 25 | 25 | 0 |
| 40 | Do preferred | 45½ | 43½ | 43½ | —2 |
| 247 | Crucible Steel pfd. | *28¾ | 27¾ | 27¾ | —¾ |
| 50 | Fire Proofing | 6¾ | 6¾ | 6¾ | —¾ |
| 170 | Do preferred | 23¼ | 22½ | 22½ | —¾ |
| 370 | M. L. & H. | 20¾ | 20 | 20½ | —½ |
| 200 | Marsden | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| 490 | Pgh. Coal | 17¾ | 17 | 17 | —1½ |
| 175 | Do preferred | *59 | 57 | 57½ | —1¼ |
| 50 | River Coal | 29 | 29 | 29 | |
| 100 | U. S. Leather | 7¾ | 7¾ | 7¾ | —¼ |
| 20 | U. S. Steel | 10½ | 10½ | 10¾ | —¼ |
| 100 | Do preferred | 53 | 53 | 53 | —1 |
| 542 | W. Elec. 24s | 78 | 77¾ | 77¾ | —¼ |
| 3410 | | | | | |
| | BONDS. | | | | |
| $1000 | Brewing 6s | 113¼ | 113¼ | 113¼ | —¼ |
| 5000 | P. McK. & C. 5s | 92½ | 92½ | 92½ | —¼ |
| 5000 | | | | | |

*Less than 10 shares.

### Closing Bids and Offers.

| STOCKS. | Par. | Bid. | Ask. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mfrs. Light & Heat | 50 | 20 | 25¾ |
| Ohio Fuel Supply | 25 | 37 | |
| Pittsburgh Vacuum | 25 | 25½ | |
| West. Electric 24 pref. | 25 | 22½ | |
| Consolidated Ice | 50 | 4 | 7½ |
| Do preferred | 50 | 4 | 4½ |
| Crucible Steel | 100 | 10½ | 10¾ |
| Do preferred | 100 | 4 | 4½ |
| Monon. River Coal pfd | 50 | 27½ | 28 |
| Monongahela Incline | 50 | 58 | 61 |
| Marsden | 100 | 3 | |
| National Fire Proof | 50 | 6¾ | 7¼ |
| Do preferred | 50 | 22 | 23 |
| Philadelphia Co. | 50 | | 30¾ |
| Do preferred | 50 | 42¾ | |
| Pgh., Bess. & L. E. R. R. | 50 | | 22 |
| Pittsburgh Brewing | 50 | 24 | 25½ |
| Pittsburgh Coal | 100 | 17 | 17¾ |
| Do preferred | 100 | 57¾ | 58 |
| United States Steel | 100 | | 10½ |
| Do preferred | 100 | | 53¾ |
| Westinghouse Air Brake | 50 | 100 | |
| BONDS. | | | |
| P., C. & Y. Traction 6s | | 113 | |
| Pgh., McK. & Conn. 1st 5s | | 92½ | |
| Monon. River Coal 6s | | 111½ | 112 |
| Pittsburgh Brewing 6s | | 113 | 113¼ |
| Brownsville Ave., Ry. 5s | | 110 | 112 |

## NOTES AND COMMENT.

Almost the sole topic of discussion in local financial circles yesterday was the statement issued by the Farmers Deposit National bank to its stockholders and depositors, setting forth its reasons for not consummating the proposed merger with the Colonial Trust Company. The bank evidently regarded the statement as in the nature of a privileged communication, and while outside applicants to the bank were denied a copy of the pamphlet, and stockholders and depositors were refused extra copies, the curiosity of every one in the financial district was satisfied by a personal request before the close of the day. Officers of the Colonial Trust Company declined to discuss the matter in detail, remaining satisfied for the present at least, with the publication of a statement showing the condition of the company. Outside of those directly interested in the controversy there were general expressions of regret that the comity which has always existed among members of the local banking profession, and which is an element of strength in any community, should have been disturbed by this incident. Among bankers and business men the opinion was unanimous that the controversy should never have been permitted to reach its present length, and that the sooner it is dropped the better it will be for all directly concerned. Both the Colonial and the Farmers are strong representative institutions, and it is a question whether both will not in the end benefit by failure to carry out the original merger proposition. Large aggregations of capital, whether financial or industrial, are not so popular as they once were, and in the banking business particularly success is dependent more upon the personal relations established between the institution and its customers than upon big totals in a balance sheet.

The weakness in Pittsburgh Coal, which was the feature of the local stock market yesterday, was by some ascribed to the calling of loans by banks connected with the group of institutions which failed to carry out the merger proposition.

Under the new rules dealings in or quotations on unlisted securities will be prohibited on the Pittsburgh stock exchange. In order to obtain official quotations or have a record of transactions, the stock or bond must be listed.

The statement of the Colonial Trust Company as of December 16, 1903, published in our advertising columns, shows total cash and cash items amounting to $2,240,444; total deposits, $10,828,096, and total resources, $20,-624,538.

Sales of Steel preferred in New York yesterday aggregated 51,953 shares, and of Amalgamated Copper 37,020 shares, the two combined furnishing more than a fourth of the total for all stocks.

The New York Air Brake Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent, payable January 15.

The directors of the Electric Storage Battery have declared a regular quarterly dividend on the stock of 1½ per cent, payable January 2.

The Real Estate Trust Company of Pittsburgh has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent, payable January 1 to stock of record December 28.

The selling of Brooklyn Transit was quite obviously profit-taking on the recent considerable rise in the stock, with a large speculative following. Sugar was also sold to take profits on the enactment of the Cuban reciprocity treaty. As the stock has moved upward for many days in expectation of this action, the movement to take profits was fully normal.

United States Steel preferred was conspicuously firm throughout. The understanding that the structural steel pool had agreed to maintain prices was favorably interpreted, and there was much current quotation of more hopeful views of the outlook in the trade and covering on the part of reported intention to cut the price of steel rails.

The sale of $10,000,000 of Atchison bonds cost the stock a point in its price, although the capacity of the market to absorb new bond issues was not a discouraging factor. The inefficient way made the occasion for some wide-open conjecture as to how far the increased facilities of the money market which are expected to develop after the new year will be encroached upon by requirements for railroad borrowings.

The rate of increase of railroad gross earnings for the first week in December for roads thus far reporting has risen to near 6 per cent, contrasting with a rate of increase of less than 4 per cent for the fourth week in November, compared with last year's corresponding periods.

## NEWS FROM THE MINES.

It is officially stated that the production of refined copper by the Greene Consolidated during the first 11 months of 1903 was 49,772,000 pounds.

The Lopez mine in the Camp Sherrod mining district was sold to Denver parties for $1,000. The mine was discovered by J. N. Williams of Buena Vista, and afterward A. F. Behrman became interested in the mine, since which time they have done considerable work on the property. The mine is at the edge of the old Ute Indian trail, which has been in use for 200 years by miners coming and going across the continental divide from Chaffee to Gunnison county.

Recent shipments from the Tonopah-Belcher showed net valuations of $67.45 a ton.

A party comprising John A. Drake and his wife, J. K. Mackenzie of Chicago, Henry E. Goss and his wife and M. Goss of Centerville, Ia., have arrived at Lewiston, Mont. Mr. Drake is the owner of the Gold Reef gold mine and mill at Gilt Edge, one of the largest gold producing properties in Montana, and makes two trips every year to Gilt Edge. He states that his property is in good shape, and that he is well satisfied with the prospects. He paid $500,000 for the mine two years ago.

In the town of Oroville, Cal., which is situated on dredging ground, a company is formed to buy the town for $2,500,000, so that it might be removed to another place and they could operate a dredger on the former site of the settlement.

Preparation for the starting of work on the Eleanor mine, near Kingman, Ariz., is now under way and a good force of men will be put on immediately.

Four hundred tons of concentrates from the Alaska Treadwell Company has been received at Seattle.

Manager John Herron of the Tom Boy reports that he has 216 men working underground and that his company will import 50 more men. The full complement necessary to extract ore to keep the mill open supplied when the entire plant is in operation is 250 men, and all local miners who are considered good men by the company who make application for work will be employed. The entire equipment of the mill will be put in operation during the present week, and before Christmas the company will be running with the same number of men as when the strike was declared.

### The Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Tin experienced a sharp reaction in the London market today, losing about £2, with spot closing at £128 10s, and futures at £128 10s. Locally tin was influenced by the decline abroad, and closed at a nominal loss of about ¼. Spot quoted at $27.50. Copper declined 2s 6d in London to £57 2s 6d for spot and £56 15s for futures. Locally copper was steady. Lake is quoted at $12 37½@12 62½, electrolytic at $12 25@12 50, and casting at $12 12½@12 37½. Lead declined 1s 3d in London, closing at £11 6s. The local market lowered was unchanged, with small parts quoted at 4.25 for spot. Spelter advanced 6s 6d in London to £21 10s, but remained weak at $5.25 for prime, last sale of store and $4.70 to arrive. Iron closed 6d lower in Glasgow and 6d to 1s higher in Middlesboro. Locally iron was unchanged. No. 1 foundry, northern, is quoted at $18 50@19 00; No. 2 foundry, northern, $18 00@18 50; No. 1 foundry, southern, and No. 1 foundry, southern, soft, at $18 00@18 50.

## FEATURES OF THE DAY

### IN PITTSBURGH.

Bank exchanges were $6,563,321, a decrease of $841,000.

Farmers-Colonial controversy attracting general attention.

Stock exchange transactions included 3,410 shares stock and $6,000 bonds.

Pittsburgh Coal common broke to 17 and the preferred to 57.

Crucible Steel preferred sold down to 27¾. United States Steel preferred sold at 53.

Brewing common at 25 and the preferred at 43½ were unchanged.

### IN WALL STREET.

Transactions continued congested in a few specialties.

Speculation in Amalgamated Copper was still active, sales being 37,020 shares.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit was weak and was a prominent factor in forcing whole list to lower level.

Sugar was sold by profit takers, declining over 6 points.

Bonds were steady, sales (par value) being $1,000,000.

Total sales for the day 413,600 shares.

### PITTSBURGH INDUSTRIAL EXCHANGE.

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Closing quotations:

| | Bid. | Asked. |
|---|---|---|
| Black Diamond Copper | 2.00 | .50 |
| California King Gold M. Co. | .02 | .03 |
| Cons. Mercur, Utah | .20 | .80 |
| Copete Copper Co. | .01 | .05 |
| Cripple Creek Cabinet G. M. Co. | .03 | .05 |
| Daly-Judge | 7.9.25 | 10.50 |
| Daly-West | 32.00 | 38.00 |
| Decatur Copper Co. | .43 | .50 |
| Ethel Copper Mines Co. | .06 | .09 |
| Gt. Western Mining Co. | .05 | .06 |
| Golconda Cons. Mines | .12 | .15 |
| Hidden Fortune G. M. Co. | .26 | .28 |
| Montana-Tonopah M. Co. | 1.75 | 2.00 |
| N. Y. Stock Yards Co. | .90 | .95 |
| Par Value G. M. Co. | .11 | .16 |
| Pittsburgh & Montana | 40.00 | 45.00 |
| Tombstone Cons. | 1.00 | 2.00 |
| Tonopah Belmont | 8.75 | 9.75 |
| Tuscarora Cons. Mines | 6.50 | 6.75 |
| Victoria G. M. Co. | 9.00 | 9.50 |
| Dunmore Oil Co. | .11 | .13 |
| | .32 | .45 |
| 1,000 shares Hidden Fortune | | .27½ |
| 50 shares Twentieth Century | | 8.50 |
| 225 shares Decatur Copper | | .50 |

### Boston Copper Stocks.

(Reported by A. E. Masten & Co.)

| Stocks. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close Bid. | Asked. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adventure | 2¼ | 2½ | 2¼ | 2 | |
| Black Diamond | ½ | *¾ | | ½ | |
| Bingham | 20¾ | 20¾ | 20½ | 20¾ | |
| Calumet & Arizona | *90 | | | 85 | |
| Calumet & Dubuque | | | | 80 | |
| Calumet & Cochise | | | | 15 | |
| Centennial | 15¾ | 15¾ | 15¾ | 15 | |
| Calumet & Pgh. | *70 | | | 70 | |
| Franklin | 7¾ | 7¾ | 7¾ | 7½ | |
| Junction Dev. | | | | *3 | |
| Lake Sup. & Pgh. D. | 100 | | | 85 | |
| Majestic | *75 | *85 | | 75 | |
| Michigan | 4½ | 5 | 4½ | 4 | |
| Osceola | 59 | 59 | 59 | 56½ | |
| Parrot | 22¾ | 23¼ | 22¾ | 22 | |
| Phoenix | 2¾ | 2 17-16 | | 2 | |
| Quincy | 78¾ | 78¾ | 78¾ | 78 | |
| Range Consolidated | 4½ | 4½ | 4½ | 4½ | |
| Utah | 30¾ | 30¾ | 30½ | 30 | |
| U. S. Mining | 18½ | 18½ | 18½ | 18 | |
| Victoria | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1¾ | |

*Bid. *Asked.

### New York Mining Stocks.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adams Con. | .10 | Little Chief | .06 |
| Alice | .13 | Ontario | 6.00 |
| Breese | .10 | Ophir | 1.50 |
| Brunswick Con. | *60 | Phoenix | .11 |
| Comstock Tun. | .05 | Potosi | .12 |
| Con. Cal. & Va. | 1.60 | Savage | .35 |
| Horn Silver | 1.95 | Sierra Nevada | .45 |
| Iron Silver | 1.85 | Small Hopes | .15 |
| Leadville Con. | .03 | Standard | 2.90 |

*Offered.

### New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Money on call steady at 4@5 per cent, closing bid and offered at 4 per cent; last loan 5; 90 days 5¼@6 per cent; six months 5@5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent. Sterling exchange strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 84.40@4 84.50 for demand, and at $4 81.10@4 81.60 for 60 day bills. Posted rates, $4 81½@4 82 and $4 84@4 85½. Commercial bills, $4 80¾@4 81. Silver certificates, 64½@65. Mexican dollars, 49¾@50. Government bonds steady. Railroad bonds steady.

## MODERATE INCREASE OF TRANSACTIONS

### The Trading, However, Was Wholly Professional and of Little Significance.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Herald this (Friday) morning says: The stock market of yesterday was little more than a continuance of the preceding day's session. Business reflected a moderate increase in the volume of transactions, but this was accomplished at the expense of values. The transactions, however, appeared to be wholly professional, and to touch very little significance attached to the price fluctuations. In the best-informed circles the most significant feature of the day was the practically total stoppage of business in Northern Securities, which was, of course, associated with the recent Supreme court argument. The paralysis in the stock was indicated by the fact that out of the total capitalization of $400,000,000 only 100 shares changed hands on the curb.

In addition to the influences already mentioned, apparently reflected some uncertainty as to the influence on the market of the Northern Securities decision, the chief factor in working the backers of the market was the announcement of the $10,000,000 bond issue by the Atchison road. Thus the company was completing the issue has been practically reported in Wall street for some weeks past, but denied by officials of the company. The announcement of the issue was unattended by any extra excitement in the stock as attended the $50,000,000 issue of Pennsylvania bonds some fortnight or so ago, and was taken by Wall street more as a confirmation of the reports of further issues of capital which, of course, which have also been denied, than as evidence that the refunding plan will play its part in checking enthusiasm which was working up on the determination of the steel pools to maintain prices until changed.

## THE MONEY MARKET.

There are reports of a retarding of the regular rate on call loans by local brokers, but bankers continue to quote 6 per cent on call and time. Clearing house comparisons:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Yesterday | $6,562,321 41 | $ 783,816 11 |
| Last week | 6,417,861 60 | 1,124,512 45 |
| Last year | 6,903,351 02 | 1,211,825 04 |

### Foreign Money Market.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Money, 3@3½ per cent; the rate of discount for short bills, 3¾@4 per cent; three months' bills, 3¾ per cent. Consols for money, 88 9-16; consols for account, 88 11-16. Money was fairly plentiful in the market today, though there were indications of a reduction in the supply. The demand was better, thus stiffening quotations. Discounts were somewhat harder. Business on the stock exchange was dull, with prices irregular.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Prices on the bourse today were firmer.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Prices on the bourse today opened firm, with an upward tendency on optimistic reports from the far east. International trade was firm, but prices were calm. Rentes last 6 francs. The private rate of discount was 2 13-16 per cent.

### Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve, the division of redemption shows: Available cash balances, $117,887,836; gold, $115,382,615; silver, $7,558,168; United States notes, $1,877,197; treasury notes of 1890, $40,-985; national bank notes, $30,760,000; total receipts this day, $1,574,444; for the month, $4,644,539; total receipts this year, $320,782,210; total expenditures this day, $1,-940,000; total expenditures this month, $5,000,000; total expenditures this year, $337,878,; deposits in national banks, $172,115,-280.

### Foreign Exchange.

The Iron City Trust Company quotes checks as follows: Sterling, 484.65; France, 5.20.50; marks, 95.00; Austria (Austria), 84.75; Dutch florins, 40.20; Italian lire (paper), 518.00; Swiss bills, 51.40; pesetas (Spain), 19.50; kroner (Scandinavia), 26.70; Hongkong (dollars local currency), 4.24.

### Banks and Treasury.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Total payment by government to New York banks for the day, $3,450,000. Payment by banks to government, $3,278,000. Balance on the day's transactions, $222,000 paid by government to banks.

## COMPLETE RECORD NEW YORK STOCKS

Daily range of prices reported by Messrs. Henry Sproul & Co., Pittsburgh Bankers Exchange building, members of New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago stock exchanges and Chicago board of trade.

### ACTIVE LIST.

| Sales. | STOCKS. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close Bid. | Close Asked. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11400 | A., T. & S. F. | 68½ | 69¾ | 67¾ | 67¾ | 68 |
| 814 | Do preferred | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 96½ |
| | Am. Car & Fdy. | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 31 |
| 21200 | Am. Sugar Ref. | 124 | 125¾ | 123 | 123 | 123½ |
| | Do preferred | 123 | 123 | 123 | 123 | 124 |
| 2000 | Am. Locomotive | 34¾ | 36¾ | 34¾ | 36¾ | 36¾ |
| 200 | Do preferred | 106½ | 106½ | 106½ | 106½ | 107 |
| 900 | Am. Smelting | 94¾ | 96¾ | 94¾ | 96¾ | 96¾ |
| | Amer. Can | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7½ |
| | Do preferred | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 76 |
| 65900 | Atch. Topeka | 69¾ | 71¾ | 69¾ | 71¾ | 71¾ |
| 200 | Atl. Coast Line | 124 | 124 | 124 | 124 | 125 |
| 770 | Am. Ice, & Ref. | 6¾ | 6¾ | 6¾ | 6¾ | 7 |
| 1200 | Do preferred | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 32 |
| | American Ice | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8½ |
| | Do preferred | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 26 |
| 6200 | Balt. & Ohio | 107¾ | 108¾ | 107¾ | 108¾ | 108¾ |
| | Brook. Rap. Tr. | 71¾ | 72¾ | 71¾ | 72¾ | 72¾ |
| 120 | Canadian Pacific | 145¾ | 145¾ | 145¾ | 145¾ | 146 |
| 2400 | Chi. & Gt. W. | 17¾ | 18¾ | 17¾ | 18¾ | 18¾ |
| 7100 | Consolidated Gas | 136 | 138½ | 136 | 138½ | 138¾ |
| 200 | C., C., C. & St. L. | 97 | 97 | 97 | 97 | 98 |
| 2300 | Ches. & Ohio | 47¾ | 48¾ | 47¾ | 48¾ | 48¾ |
| 200 | Chicago & Alton | 34 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 35 |
| 1000 | Chicago Gt. West. | 20¾ | 20¾ | 20¾ | 20¾ | 21 |
| 4800 | Chicago & N. W. | 193 | 195 | 193 | 194 | |
| 200 | Col. Fuel & Iron | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 28 |
| | Corn Products | 10½ | 10½ | 10½ | 10½ | 10¾ |
| | Do preferred | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 71 |
| | Col. Southern | 30¾ | 32 | 30¾ | 32 | 32¼ |
| 200 | Do 1st pfd. | 58¾ | 58¾ | 58¾ | 58¾ | 59 |
| 100 | Do 2d pfd. | 45¾ | 45¾ | 45¾ | 45¾ | 46 |
| 1000 | Del. L. & W. | 244 | 244 | 244 | 244 | 245 |
| 15200 | Erie | 34¾ | 36¾ | 34¾ | 36¾ | 36¾ |
| 700 | Do 1st pfd. | 61¾ | 62¾ | 61¾ | 62¾ | 62¾ |
| 870 | Do 2d pfd. | 46¾ | 47¾ | 46¾ | 47¾ | 47¾ |
| 6412 | General Electric | 165 | 165 | 165 | 165 | 165½ |
| 100 | Illinois Central | 141 | 141 | 141 | 141 | 142 |
| 100 | Iowa Central | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 24 |
| 100 | Do preferred | 58 | 58 | 58 | 58 | 59 |
| 200 | Inter. Paper | 19 | 19½ | 19 | 19½ | 19¾ |
| 2700 | Lo. & Nash. | 135¾ | 136¾ | 135¾ | 136¾ | 136¾ |
| | Manhattan | 134 | 135 | 134 | 135 | 135½ |
| 9410 | Mo. Pacific | 93¾ | 95¾ | 93¾ | 95¾ | 95¾ |
| 200 | M., K. & T. pfd. | 63¾ | 63¾ | 63¾ | 63¾ | 64 |
| | Metropolitan | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 | 141 |
| | Mexican Central | 17¾ | 18 | 17¾ | 18 | 18¼ |
| 700 | N. Y. Central | 135¾ | 137¾ | 135¾ | 137¾ | 137¾ |
| 100 | N. Y. Central | 135¾ | 135¾ | 135¾ | 135¾ | 136 |
| 300 | N. & W. | 61¾ | 62¾ | 61¾ | 62¾ | 62¾ |
| 300 | North Am. Co. | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 76 |
| 6200 | Pacific Coast | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 28 |
| 4300 | Pennsylvania | 137¾ | 139¾ | 137¾ | 139¾ | 139¾ |
| 100 | Do preferred | 93¾ | 93¾ | 93¾ | 93¾ | 94 |
| 8644 | Penn. R. R. | 117¾ | 119¾ | 117¾ | 119¾ | 119¾ |
| 1000 | Reading | 44¾ | 45¾ | 43¾ | 45¾ | 45¾ |
| 2400 | Rock Island | 23¾ | 24¾ | 23¾ | 24¾ | 24¾ |
| 100 | Do preferred | 61¾ | 61¾ | 61¾ | 61¾ | 62 |
| 500 | Republic Iron | 23¾ | 24¾ | 23¾ | 24¾ | 24¾ |
| 1200 | Do preferred | 78¾ | 80¾ | 78¾ | 80¾ | 80¾ |
| 150 | St. L. & S. F. | 24¾ | 24¾ | 24¾ | 24¾ | 25 |
| | 2d pfd. | 44¾ | 44¾ | 44¾ | 44¾ | 45 |
| 18300 | Southern Pac. | 44¾ | 47¾ | 44¾ | 47¾ | 47¾ |
| 1300 | Southern Ry. | 21¾ | 22¾ | 21¾ | 22¾ | 22¾ |
| 600 | Do preferred | 57¾ | 58¾ | 57¾ | 58¾ | 58¾ |
| 1400 | Tenn. Coal & Iron | 44¾ | 46¾ | 44¾ | 46¾ | 46¾ |
| 500 | St. L. & S. W. | 13¾ | 14¾ | 13¾ | 14¾ | 14¾ |
| 100 | Do preferred | 32¾ | 32¾ | 32¾ | 32¾ | 33 |
| 7800 | T. Coal & Iron | 33¾ | 35¾ | 33¾ | 35¾ | 35¾ |
| 200 | Tex. & Pacific | 22¾ | 22¾ | 22¾ | 22¾ | 23 |
| 57 65 | Do preferred | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 66 |
| 12200 | Union Pacific | 94¾ | 96¾ | 94¾ | 96¾ | 96¾ |
| 212 | Do preferred | 84 | 85 | 84 | 85 | 85½ |
| 300 | U. S. Rubber | 19¾ | 20¾ | 19¾ | 20¾ | 20¾ |
| 200 | U. S. Leather | 7¾ | 7¾ | 7¾ | 7¾ | 8 |
| 1400 | Do preferred | 75¾ | 76¾ | 75¾ | 76¾ | 76¾ |
| | U. S. R. & Cons. | 26¾ | 26¾ | 26¾ | 26¾ | 27 |
| | Do preferred | 84¾ | 84¾ | 84¾ | 84¾ | 85 |
| 1000 | Wabash | 19¾ | 20¾ | 19¾ | 20¾ | 20¾ |
| | Do preferred | 38¾ | 39¾ | 38¾ | 39¾ | 39¾ |
| 614 | W. U. Tel. | 87¾ | 87¾ | 87¾ | 87¾ | 87¾ |
| | W. L. E. | | | | 85 | 87 |
| | Do 1st pfd. | 84¾ | 84¾ | 84¾ | 84¾ | 85 |
| | Do 2d pfd. | 45¾ | 47¾ | 45¾ | 47¾ | 47¾ |
| 100 | Wis. Central | 17¾ | 17¾ | 17¾ | 17¾ | 17¾ |
| 200 | Do preferred | 38 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 39½ |

### INACTIVE LIST.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 100 | Am. Hide & L. | | | | 12 | 17 |
| 100 | Amer. Malt. | | | | 3 | 5 |
| 100 | C. U. Traction | | | | 5 | 8 |
| 100 | C. C. Con. Coal | | | | 30 | 35 |
| 100 | Cent. Tob. pfd. | | | 104 | 104 | 104½ |
| 100 | Det. Dulac Ry. | | | | 27 | 27 |
| 100 | D. S. S. & A. pfd. | | | | | 12½ |
| 100 | Hocking Coal | | | 17¾ | 17¾ | 18 |
| | *I. C. Pf. & | | | | | |
| | Memphis pfd. | | | | 89¾ | 93 |
| 200 | M. S. P. & S. M. | | | | 90 | 93 |
| 4000 | Mex. Securities | | | | 61 | 63 |
| 100 | N. K. & Western | | | 17¾ | 17¾ | 18 |
| 200 | N. Y. Airbrake | | | 125¾ | 125¾ | 126 |
| 500 | Nat. Coast Co. | | | 17¾ | 17¾ | 17¾ |
| 200 | Penn. Coal | | | 90¾ | 90 | 92 |
| 200 | Va. Car. Chem. | | | 47¾ | 47¾ | 48 |
| 100 | Do 2d pfd. | | | 154½ | 154½ | 156 |

*Ex. interest.

43400 Total sales.

### Electric Stocks at Boston.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Westinghouse | 77 | Mass. Electric | 15½ |
| General Electric | 164½ | Do preferred | 72¾ |

### CLOSING PRICE NEW YORK BONDS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| U. S. reg. 2s, Pan. | 102½ | Mo. Pac. 4s | 95½ |
| U. S. coup. 2s, Pan. | 102½ | Mo. K. & T. 2d 4s | 66½ |
| U. S. reg. 3s | 107½ | N. Y. Cent. 3½s | 101½ |
| U. S. coup. 3s | 107½ | N. J. Cent. gen. 5s | 120 |
| U. S. reg. 4s | 138 | N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s | 108 |
| U. S. coup. 4s | 138 | N. Y. C. & St. L. 1st 4s | 108 |
| U. S. reg. 5s | 104½ | N. Y. C. & St. L. 2d 4s | 108 |
| U. S. coup. 5s | 104½ | N. Y. C. & St. L. 5s | 108 |
| Atchison gen. 4s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 3½s | 101½ |
| Atl. Coast L. 4s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 4s | 108 |
| Balt. & Ohio 4s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 5s | 108 |
| Balt. & Ohio 3½s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 6s | 108 |
| Can. Southern 2d 5s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 7s | 108 |
| C. C. C. & St. L. 4s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 8s | 108 |
| C. C. C. & St. L. gen. 4s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 9s | 108 |
| C. C. C. & St. L. 5s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 10s | 108 |
| Cent. Pac. 1st 6s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 11s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 4s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 12s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 5s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 13s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 6s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 14s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 7s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 15s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 8s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 16s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 9s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 17s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 10s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 18s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 11s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 19s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 12s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 20s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 13s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 21s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 14s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 22s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 15s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 23s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 16s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 24s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 17s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 25s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 18s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 26s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 19s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 27s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 20s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 28s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 21s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 29s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 22s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 30s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 23s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 31s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 24s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 32s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 25s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 33s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 26s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 34s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 27s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 35s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 28s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 36s | 108 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio 29s | 102½ | N. Y. C. & H. R. 37s | 

# RECORD-BREAKING DEAL DOWNTOWN

## Henry W. Oliver Holdings in Fifth Avenue and Diamond Street Bring $700,000.

## EAST END SALE OF $30,000

The West Estate Trust Company has the credit of making the largest single downtown deal announced for months, viz.: the sale of the Henry W. Oliver holdings at 242-244 Fifth avenue and 228-237 Diamond street, in the rear. The deal was attached for in November and a large sum of hand money was paid to David E. Black, the broker, but it was not announced. The total consideration for the properties approximates $700,000. Mr. Oliver bought the Fifth avenue frontage two years ago from Henry C. Whitney. This lot measures 20x120 feet and is occupied by a four-story stone front building used by "The Leader" department store, offices and a business college. The Diamond street frontage, 20 feet, in the rear of this lot has on it four two-story buildings used as stores and shops. It is stated on good authority that the purchase means extensive improvements that will change the order of the neighborhood very materially. Until certain matters pertaining to this are settled the name of the purchaser will likely not be made public.

### Getting Ready for Improvements.

The first floor of the Apollo building at 240-242 Fourth avenue is being vacated preparatory to extensive improvements being made this winter. Capt. C. W. McCallum, the real estate broker, the Pittsburgh Insurance Company and Rahn Bros., stock brokers, have all moved to the block at 211-213 Fourth avenue, where they are fitting up the suites of offices. The leases on the basement and some of the upper floors of the Apollo building do not expire until April 1, so that few changes will be made there at present. The building was bought last year by Robert C. Hall and will be remodeled and refitted at a large expense to make it a modern office structure.

A fine residence property in the northwest side of Negley avenue near Baum street, Twentieth ward, has been bought by William M. Benham from De Witt M. Benham of Baltimore for $50,000. The lot measures 70x121 feet and the residence is a large colonial brick house with modern improvements.

Nathan Fluehery has purchased from Samuel Shamberger an improved property, 80x90 feet, on the south side of Colwell street, near Vine street, Eleventh ward, for $12,500.

### Will Make Storerooms Scarce.

The widening of Frankstown avenue by taking 10 feet off from the north side is already having a noticeable effect on store rents in East Liberty. In the business district directly affected between Penn avenue and Broad street probably 40 stores will be obliged to move back or out to permit of the improvement. Most of the buildings are old and on many of the lots newer and larger structures are contemplated. On other lots where leases are now being signed up it is with the provision that the landlord build an addition on the rear of the present building to the tenant as much room as he is now and that a new front shall be ——— At present there are not over a dozen store rooms available in East Liberty, and with the prospect of the Frankstown avenue merchants building a new location after January 1, rents are likely to advance considerably.

The Lincoln avenue district in the Twenty-first ward will be materially helped by two improvements for which petitions have been prepared. One is the vacation of Verona boulevard from Lincoln avenue to the old Pobetry road, now called Verona avenue, and the other is the grading and paving of Verona avenue from Lincoln avenue to the city line. Hawkins avenue from Verona avenue to Dook street road has also been petitioned for. These improvements will give an outlet to several squares of frontage which is already beginning to build up in anticipation of them.

### Brokers Buy Handsome House.

Hastings street: Stalker, Berger & Co. have bought from Frank Barnes a 12-room reception hall brick house, lot 40x200 feet, on the north side of Hastings street, near the Larchwood boulevard, Thirty-second ward.

Liberty avenue: S. H. Lloyd sold for Samuel Dyer to the Liberty Machine Company 50x80 feet on the north side of Liberty avenue, near Main street, Sixteenth ward, for $4,000. The company will build a $6,000 shop. The same property sold for the Kaiser hotel to Tony Bruce 125x50 feet in River avenue, Nineteenth ward, for $1,000. Also for J. D. Beers to Louise Reimer, 30x125 feet in Baxter street, near Wood street, Thirty-seventh ward, for $600.

Schenley View: The W. D. Rest Company sold for the Pittsburgh Land and Building Company to J. W. Collier lots 367 and 295 in Morningside avenue, Schenley View plan, for $500, and to Elias Green, lot 8 in the same plan for $150. He also sold for James Boyd to Reed Drew 20x94 feet in Belvidere street, Sixteenth ward, for $400.

Stratford street: John W. Sherrer sold for C. B. Seely, Jr., to J. M. Nicely 20x120 feet, on the east side of Farragut street, near Jackson street, Ninetieth ward, for $2,600. The buyer will build a $6,000 house.

### Sales in Hill District.

Logan street: Harry Kalson sold to William McConnell an improved lot, 36x88 feet, at the northwest corner of Logan and Colwell streets, Seventh ward, for $3,500.

Colwell street: Louis Frank sold to Nathan Gudinsky an improved lot, 32x52 feet, in Colwell street, Eleventh ward, for $4,000.

Stratford avenue: W. O. Wright sold to Elizabeth and F. Keller an improved lot, 33x183 feet, in Stratford avenue, near Penn avenue, for $4,000.

Brooks street: The Real Estate Trust Company sold to W. F. Whitman to E. M. O'Neill an improved lot, 30x75 feet, at Brooks and Bates streets, Fourteenth ward, for $3,850.

Butler street: Mrs. Mary Connelly sold to James Kelly and Mrs. Kelly lot, 20x141 feet, in Butler street, Nineteenth ward, for $3,000.

Dunseith street: William Cohen sold to Jacob Schein an improved lot, 40x100 feet, in Duff street, Thirteenth ward, for $4,000.

Clifford street: C. H. Zeigler sold to the Enterprise Land and Improvement Company 100x125 feet on Clifford and Alburn streets, Seventeenth ward, for $1,000.

Belmar place: The Pittsburgh Trust Company sold to Elizabeth B. Coleman 20x119 feet in Idlewild street, Twenty-first ward, for $1,450.

Ophelia street: John Redfern sold to Richard C. Morgan 25x141 feet in Ophelia street, near Hamlet street, Fourteenth ward, for $1,400.

Samuel W. Black & Co. sold for Mrs. Louisa Davis, 731 Copeland street, an 8-room brick dwelling, lot 20x100 feet to an alley, to A. Goldsmith for $4,500.

### Transfers Recorded.

Chas. Krumm to E. W. Sellers, Oct. 2, 18th wd. Pgh, 20x102, Sylvania ave.....$ 2,000
Milton L. Fahs to Jos. Fahs, Oct. 25, 21st wd. Pgh, 61 lots, Chula Vista Place.....30,000
J. J. Leahy to J. H. O'Donnell, Nov. 23, 18th wd. Pgh, 61x94, Morgarretta st.....100,000
Robt Haugh to J. D. Craig, Dec 7, Brackenridge, 45x138, Brackenridge ave.....2,000
Peter soffel to Peter F. Soffel, Nov 24, 22d wd. Pgh, 23x80, Girard st.....900
Thornburg Land Co to J. N Osirom, Dec 12, Robinson twp, 100x100, Hamilton street.....2,000
J. W Barnett to A. W. Martin, Oct 15, 22d wd. Pgh, 86x106, Elizabeth st.....4,775
C. B. Cunningham to Henry Bales, Sept. 29, Futtney twp, 60 acres.....3,773
A. J. Reineman to North Side Bowling Assn, Oct 29, 13th wd, Ally, 110x83, Lookout st.....1,200
M. Johnston, L. & Tr Co to M J Mullen, Sept 16, Scott twp, 100x270, Cedar boulevard.....2,500
S. McCaslin to Edward Birch, Dec 14, 19th wd, Pgh, 45x117, Mellon st.....8,000
P. G. Kutz to Unity Cemetery Co, Dec 14, Plum twp, 3 acres.....1,200
H. C. Bowers to Wm C Kerr, Nov 20, N Sixth, 33x86, 150y st.....4,000
N. Farmichella to G. M Seaguer, Oct 5, 21st wd, Pgh, 25x73, Lang ave.....1,740
Mary O. Peterson to Joseph Wolf, Feb 1, 8rds, 20x115, Washington ave.....1,800
L. Boskon to Martin O'Hare, Oct 1, 9th wd, Ally, 18x58, Gladstone st.....1,470
Geo. N. Monto to Simon Goldfarb, Dec 15, 9th wd, Pgh, 20, Second ave.....4,500
Eugene Rodgers to Silas B Page, Mch 12, 10th wd, McKpt, 21x60, St Clair st.
W. G Bell to E. M Roosevelt, Nov 28, 3d wd, Ally, 19x30, Boyle st.....2,000
S Jacobson to Thos J Pegan, Aug 5, 6th wd, Pgh, 20x100, Fifth ave.....6,000
J. H. O'Donnell to S. Connelly, Sept. 4, 21st wd, Pgh, 30x135, Bennett st.....25,000
Catherine Dernetzer to Chas Gleditsch, Nov 6, 5th wd, McKpt, 90x80, Wylie ave.....7,500
Second Natl Bk of Ally to Sarah A Dunlap, Feb 13, 24 wd, Ally, 40x90, Taylor ave.....6,400
J. W Mellott to F. G Hochsvender, Dec 15, Sheraden, 100x150, Thirteenth st.....2,000
Frank McKnight to J. R. McClintock, Nov 9, 21st wd, Pgh, 20x90, Monticello street.....5,200
D. McC Fair to Louis Beezer, Nov 13, 20th wd, Pgh, 123x138, Amber st.....5,000
J. Lovell to Mary Sinclair, Sept 12, 13th wd, Ally, 22x80, Lowrie st.....6,900
Henry Thomas to S. K Riffner, Nov 9, Sharpsburg, 18x89, Tenth st.....2,200
T. Young to Crystal Shoes, Sept 28, 35th wd, Ally, 22x100, Buchanan st.....1,880
F. Jeckel to F. S Grace, Feb 20, '02, 13th wd, Ally, 25x100, Ravine st.....1,500
Nicholas Mang to L. Hildenbrand, Nov 12, 13th wd, Ally, 21x109, Croft st.....3,000
Chas W Erbeck to Theodore Bell, Nov 15, Mifflin, 100x125, Tenth ave.....2,150
Geo. H. Johnson to J. C Morrow, Dec 1, Wklg, 25x100, Swissvale ave.....4,250
do early June.....80@$1.50
do general.....50@60
Apples, N. Y., bbl.....$2.00@2.50
gal. cans.....$2.75@3.25
Pineapples.....$1.00@2.50

DRIED FRUITS.

Apricots, evap., bags.....8@12c
do 25-lb boxes.....11@12c
Apples, bulk.....6@6¾c
do 3-lb can.....
cans.....75@85c
Peaches.....7½@10c
Raspberries.....24@24½c
Raisins, seeded, 1-lb pkgs.....9½@10c

SALT FISH.

Mackerel, No. 1 mess, bbl.....$22.00
do half bbl.....$10.50
do quar. bbl.....$5.25
Mackerel, No. 1 shore, bbl.....$23.00
do half bbls.....$12.00
do quar. bbls.....$6.00
do 20-lb pails.....$2.50
do 10-lb pails.....$1.40

SEEDS.

Clover, from store, recleaned, 60-lb bu. small.....$7.10@7.20
do seam.....
month.....$7.20@7.30
do extra.....
son.....$4.50@4.75
do choice.....
Dutch.....$14.00@15.00
Alsike.....$8.75@9.00
Alfalfa.....$8.50@9.00
Timothy.....$1.75@2.00
Grass, Hungarian.....90@$1.10
do Lawn, 1-lb pkg.....15@20c
do Lawn, 14-lb bu.....$1.60@1.75
do red top, 14-lb bu.....$1.80@1.90

PRODUCE.

Potatoes, bu. store.....80@85c
do car lots.....70@75c
Sweets, Virginia.....$2.00@2.25
Kiln dried.....$4.00@4.25
do bu. box.....$1.25@1.35
do mediums.....$1.75@2.00
Turnips, bbl.....$1.75@2.00
Onions, per bbl.....$2.50@3.00
do bulk, bu.....65@75c
do new, dos.....20@30c
do Spanish crates.....$1.00@1.10
Cucumbers, hothouse, doz.....$1.25@1.50
Cabbage, Danish.....$35.00@40.00
do lb.....2½@3c
Parsley, doz.....$1.00@1.25
Radishes, doz.....20@25c
Kale, bu.....25@30c
Celery, extra.....2@35c
Lettuce, home, doz.....70@$1.00

PROVISIONS.

Hams, 18 lbs and up.....10½c
Over 14 to 18 lbs.....11½c
Over 12 to 14 lbs.....12c
10 lbs and under.....12½c
Boneless, boiled.....17½c
California, 8 to 12 lbs.....9½c
Shoulders, N. Y. cut.....8½c
do skinned.....8½c
Breakfast bacon, ribs 8 to 10 lbs.....12c
do 10 to 12 lbs.....12½c
do 12 to 14 lbs.....13c
do 12 to 12 lbs.....13½c

NUTS.

Chestnuts, lb.....10@11c
Filberts.....11c
Eng. walnuts.....11@14c
S. Eng. almonds.....15c
Tarr. almonds.....15c
Mixed.....12c
Brazil.....11c

BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE.

Butter, Prints.....28@28½c
Ohio creamery.....25@25½c
Ohio cream.....25@25½c
Dairy.....17@18c
Country roll.....15@16c
Cheese, N. Y. full cream.....12½@13c
do Ohio.....12@12½c
do ⅝ cream.....11½@11½c
Cheese, Ohio flat.....13@13½c
do Wis. Swiss, lgts.....14½@15c
do 20-lb block Swiss new.....14½@15c
do Limburger.....12@13½c
do Brickstein.....15½@16c
Eggs, candled.....31@32c
do select.....30@30c
do storage.....28@29c

DOMESTIC FRUITS.

Apples, fancy, bbl.....$3.50@4.00
do choice.....$2.00@2.50
Grapes, Catawba.....20c
Cranberries, per bbl.....$2.25@2.50
do bbl.....$8.00@10.00

POULTRY AND GAME.

Live chickens.....11@12c
Roosters.....7@8c
Turkeys.....15@16c
Live ducks, lb.....12@14c
Geese.....10@12c
Dressed hens.....14@15c
Dressed spring.....14@15c
Roasters.....16@17c
Roosters.....9@10c
Turkeys, fresh, dressed.....21@22c
Ducks.....17@18c
Rabbits, pair.....25@30c
Squabs, pair.....$1.00@1.25
No. 1 geese feather, lbs.....50
do ex. live.....60c
do blue bill.....$1.80
do ruddy.....$1.50
do red head.....$1.75
do canvas back.....$2.00

TROPICAL FRUITS.

Lemons, Mes. sina.....$3.75@4.00
do Vardellis.....$3.25
do Californ.....$3.00@3.50
Limes, per 100.....$1.00
Oranges, Californias, navel.....$2.75@3.00
do Floridas.....$2.50@3.25
do Jamaica, box.....$2.75@3.00
do bbl.....$5.00@6.00
Cocoanuts, bags.....$2.50
Bananas, large.....1.75@2.25
do 2 lbs.....$1.50@1.75
Pineapples, crate.....$2.50@3.00
Pears, California.....
E. Beurres.....$1.25@1.50
do Clairgeau.....$2.25
Grapes, Malaga.....
Almeria.....$3.50@4.00
Grape fruit.....$3.00@3.50
Red Emperor.....$1.75@2.00

HOLIDAY GREENS.

Christmas trees, per 100.....$25.00@40.00
Holly, case.....$2.75@3.00
Laurel, yard.....2½@3c
Evergreen, yd.....4@4½c
Holly, wreaths, per doz.....$1.25@1.40
Evergreen, wreaths.....$1.25@1.40
Cypress paper, crate.....$8.00@7.00
Mistletoe, bbl.....$6.00@7.00

# LIVE STOCK MARKETS

### PITTSBURGH UNION STOCK YARDS.

Thursday, December 17, 1903.

Cattle—The supply was light and the market steady; choice, 1,400 to 1,600 lbs, $5.00@5.10; prime, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs, $4.70@4.85; good, 1,200 to 1,300 lbs, $4.40@4.65; tidy, 1,050 to 1,150 lbs, $4.00@4.25; green, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs, $3.50@3.75; fair, 900 to 1,000 lbs, $3.00@3.25; common, 700 to 900 lbs, $2.50@3.00; common to good fat bulls, $2.12@3.50; heifers, 700 to 1,100 lbs, $3.00@4.85; good fresh cows and springers, $40.00@60.00; common to fair, $12.00@35.00.

Sheep and lambs—Supply light and market steady; prime wethers, 90 to 100 lbs, $4.10@4.25; good mixed, 90 to 100 lbs, $4.00@4.10; mixed, 70 to 80 lbs, $3.60@3.80; culls and common, $1.50@2.50; choice lambs, $6.15@6.35; fair to good, $5.50@6.00; common, $4.00@4.60; veal calves, $6.50@7.00; heavy and thin, $3.00@4.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 20 double-decks; market active; prime heavy, $4.70@4.75; medium, $4.60@4.65; heavy Yorkers, $4.60@4.65; light Yorkers, $4.60; pigs, $4.50@4.60; roughs, $3.00@4.25.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,500 head, including 160 head southern; market steady to 10c higher, export and dressed beef steady to 10c higher; $4.00@5.00; fair to good, $3.25@4.00; southern cows and heifers, $2.00@3.00; stockers and feeders, $2.75@3.90; cows, $1.25@3.90; heifers, $1.75@4.75; canners, $1.25@2.50; bulls, $1.75@3.75; calves, $3.00@6.00; western fed steers, $3.90@5.00; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.00; native beef steers, $3.50@4.70; native cows and heifers, $1.75@4.00; native stockers and feeders, $2.50@3.75. Hogs—Receipts, 8,000 head; market 5@10c higher; top, $4.47½; bulk of sales, $4.40@4.45; heavy, $4.40@4.47½; packers, $4.40@4.45; pigs and lights, $4.32½@4.40. Sheep—Receipts, 2,000 head; market 10@20c lower; lambs, $4.50@5.60; sheep, $3.00@4.00; light, $4.25@4.60; feeders, $3.00@3.75; western fed yearlings, $3.75@4.40; stockers and feeders, $2.00@3.00.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000 head; market steady to strong; good to prime, $4.90@5.70; poor to medium, $3.00@4.80; stockers and feeders, $1.75@3.90; cows, $1.25@4.00; heifers, $1.75@4.75; canners, $1.25@2.50; bulls, $1.75@4.25; calves, $3.00@6.50. Hogs—Receipts today, 38,000 head, tomorrow, 20,000 head; mixed and butchers, $4.40@4.65; good to choice heavy, $4.50@4.65; rough heavy, $4.25@4.50; light, $4.25@4.60; bulk of sales, $4.45@4.55. Sheep—Receipts, 14,000 head; sheep steady to 10c higher; lambs steady; good to choice wethers, $3.50@4.00; fair to choice mixed, $2.75@3.50; native lambs, $4.00@5.00.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Beeves—Receipts only 4 head, trading; feeling steady, cables unchanged. Exports today, 20 sheep to the West Indies. Calves—Receipts, 151 head; market steady; common to fair veals, $4@6; fed calves, $6@7. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 1,264 head; market firm; sheep sold at $2.50@4.00; lambs at $6.00@6.75. Hogs—Receipts, 7,784 head; market steady.

### New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Cotton—Futures closed firm: December, $12.55; January, $12.56; February, $12.56; March, $12.79; April, $12.85; May, $12.89; June, $12.92; July, $12.92; August, $12.80. Spot closed quiet, 25 points higher; middling uplands, $12.70; middling gulf, $12.95. Sales, 1,425 bales.

### MOVEMENTS IN TRADE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Goldman, Sachs & Co. announce a gold engagement in London of $500,000 imported.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Bullion to the amount of £50,000 was withdrawn from the Bank of England for shipment to South America and £6,000 was taken from the open market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Announcement was made today that the Atlantic Coast Line syndicate has been extended till February 28, 1905. A large part of the subscribers to the syndicate assented to the extension.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—National bank notes received today for redemption, $858,157. Government receipts from internal revenue, $765,027; customs, $569,047; miscellaneous, $191,564; expenditures, $1,280,000.

# WHEAT WAS UNCHANGED; OATS AND CORN LOWER

## Chicago Wheat Pit Held Steady by Increased Export Business.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Wheat opened firm in sympathy with a stronger feeling reported from Liverpool. Some emphasis was added by small receipts in the northwest. The firmness in the foreign market was partly due to bad weather reports from Argentina, but a cablegram to a Chicago commission firm from Rosario said that the weather was improving and that little damage had been done to the crop of wheat. At the same time the big bull interest here manifested a tendency to dispose of holdings. This fact exerted considerable influence upon small holders. As a result of the combination of influences, a speedy decline set in. Offerings out and an easier tone developed. May selling off to 81¼@81⅜c after opening a shade lower to a shade higher, at 81¾@81⅞c. The close was heavy, 1c net lower, with May at the opening, when May touched 81⅝c. The market held steady at the decline for awhile, and during the latter part of the session a firmer feeling developed, owing to reports of active export business. Advices from the seaboard claimed 45 loads had been taken on shipment, the greater part consigned to Liverpool. The cash business was quiet, with limited improvement, and this helped the speculative trading. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 250,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 585,000 bushels, against 770,000 bushels a year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 490 cars, against 644 cars last week and 671 cars a year ago.

Corn sold not quite as high as at first. Opening prices were a trifle higher on a fair commission house demand, due to firm cables and a good export business reported yesterday, and it was not until corn weakened and wheat underwent selling by local operators, the market weakened. The weather continued fine and there were some messages from the west, from Iowa and Nebraska, which stated that the roads were in excellent condition for hauling and that farmers were disposed to sell their corn on a little more freely. Local receipts were 475 cars, with 1,000 estimated for tomorrow.

After a steady opening oats eased off in sympathy with corn. Local bears were not inclined to sell much, owing to the continued small receipts, while "outside" receipts were light and had been over-estimated. Local receipts were 148 cars.

Hogs were in much smaller supply than expected, and their fair to good quality, with a scarcity of lights in their pens, resulted in a good deal of covering by local shorts. There was also a good demand from English houses. Packers were moderate sellers on the advance. Prices were firm. May pork closed 15@17½c higher at $11.77½@11.80. May lard was 5c to 7½c higher at $6.37½@6.40. May ribs were 7½@10c higher at $6.27½@6.30.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 65 cars; corn, 105 cars; oats, 90 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures, reported by John D. Armstrong & Co., members of the Chicago board of trade, Farmers Bank Building, are as follows:

| | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Yesterday's Close. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHEAT | | | | | |
| No. 2 | | | | | |
| Dec. n | 78½ | 79½ | 78½ | 79½ | 188 |
| May | 81⅛ | 81⅝ | 81¼ | 81½ | 81⅝ |
| July | 79⅝ | 79⅞ | 79⅛ | 79⅜ | 80⅛ |
| CORN | | | | | |
| No. 2 | | | | | |
| Dec. | 42⅞ | 42⅞ | 41⅝ | 41⅝ | 42⅜ |
| May | 43⅝ | 43⅞ | 43⅛ | 43⅜ | 43⅝ |
| July | 43⅞ | 43⅞ | 43⅛ | 43⅜ | 43⅝ |
| OATS | | | | | |
| No. 2 | | | | | |
| Dec. | 35 | 35⅛ | 34⅞ | 34⅞ | 35⅛ |
| May | 37 | 37 | 36⅝ | 36⅝ | 37 |
| July | 34 | 34⅛ | 33⅞ | 33⅞ | 34 |
| MESS PORK. | | | | | |
| Jan. | 11 37½ | 11 42½ | 11 37½ | 11 37½ | 11 25 |
| May | 11 72½ | 11 80 | 11 72½ | 11 80 | 11 62½ |
| LARD | | | | | |
| Jan. | 6 37½ | 6 37½ | 6 35 | 6 37½ | 6 32½ |
| May | 6 30 | 6 40 | 6 30 | 6 37½ | 6 27½ |
| SHORT RIBS. | | | | | |
| Jan. | 6 10 | 6 12½ | 6 07½ | 6 10 | 6 02½ |
| May | 6 22½ | 6 30 | 6 22½ | 6 30 | 6 20 |

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour dull and prices easy; No. 2 spring wheat, 82c; No. 3, 79@80c; No. 2 red, 81½c; No. 2 corn, 43c; No. 2 yellow, 43c; No. 2 oats, 36c; No. 2 white, 36½@36¾c; No. 2 rye, 62c; good feeding barley, 29@30c; fair to choice malting, 43@53c; No. 1 flaxseed, 99c; No. 1 northwestern, $1.01; prime timothy seed, $2.12; mess pork, per bbl, $11.87½@11.90; lard, per 100 lbs, $6.37½@6.40; short ribs sides (loose), $6.00@6.25; short clear sides (boxed), $6.20@6.40; whisky, basis of high wines, $1.27; clover, contract grade, $11.00.

| Receipts. | Shipments. |
|---|---|
| Flour, bbls ..... 17,505 | 29,295 |
| Wheat, bu ..... 36,000 | 17,000 |
| Corn, bu ..... 112,800 | 69,800 |
| Oats, bu ..... 169,400 | 97,600 |
| Rye, bu ..... 2,000 | 2,300 |
| Barley, bu ..... 104,900 | 7,000 |

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Flour—Receipts, 5,418 barrels; exports, 24,227 barrels; steady in sympathy with wheat. Rye flour quiet. Buckwheat flour steady. Cornmeal steady. Rye quiet. Barley steady.

Grain—Wheat—Receipts, 27,300 bushels; exports, 100,000 bushels; spot, steady; No. 2 red, nominal elevator; No. 2 red, $1.01 c. i. f. Buffalo; No. 1 northern Duluth 30½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal, afloat; options opened steady with prices unchanged, and advanced on the reports of British Argentine crop news and small northwest receipts; after a setback following heavy rains in outside markets prices recovered and closed steady with net advance of ½@¾c; May, 94¾@95⅜c, closed $1.95⅛; December, 94⅝@95⅛c, closed $1.95⅛; March, 96⅝@97⅛c, closed $1.97⅛. Corn—Receipts, 12,100 bushels; exports, 10,000 bushels; spot, steady; No. 2, 52½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 52c; No. 2 white, 51½c; option market advanced early on steady cables, light arrivals at western points and covering, but later it yielded under realizing, but closed steady with wheat at a partial ½c net advance; May, 49⅝@49¾c, closed 49¾c; December closed 51⅛c. Oats—Receipts, 12,000 bushels; spot quiet; No. 2, 42½c; No. 2 white, 42½c; No. 3 white, 41½c; track white, 41@44½c.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Wheat, December, 78c; May, 81¾c. Flour unchanged. Bran in bulk, $17.00@17.50. Receipts of wheat, 1 car; last year, 1 car. Shipments, 1,000 barrels. No. 1 hard, 81¼c; No. 1 northern, 80¼c; No. 2 northern, 78½@79½c.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—Wheat—Receipts, 19,000 bushels; shipments, 43,000 bushels; spot, steady; No. 2 red, cash, 97½c; elevator, 97½c; May, 84¾c; July, 77½c. Corn—Receipts, 12,000 bushels; shipments, 4,000 bushels; spot, steady; No. 2 cash, 50½c; December, 50½c; May, 47½c. Oats—Receipts, 12,000 bushels; shipments, 4,000 bushels; spot, steady; No. 2 cash, 36½c; December, 34½c; May, 37½c.

DULUTH, Dec. 17.—Wheat—To arrive, No. 1 hard, 80¾c; No. 1 northern, 79¾c; No. 2 northern, 78¾c; December, 79½c; May, 80¾c.

### Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The market for coffee futures opened steady at an advance of 5@10 points, but reacted under realizing and closed steady at 5 to 10 points net lower on lack of interest and covering of shorts following a sharp recovery at above and below. Sales of 75,000 bags, including December at 6.25c; January at 6.30c; March at 6.40c; May at 6.50c; July at 6.60c; August at 6.65c; September at 6.70c; October at 6.75c; closing at 6.75@6.80c. Spot—Rio firm; fair cargoes, 7½c; No. 7 invoice, 7½c; mild, steady; Cordova, 8½@9½c; refined, steady; C, 4.45c.

### The Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The drygoods market is unchangeable in tone, and in sympathy with the continued apparent quietness in the jobbing trade and buying for the full advance. Exceptions may be made to this statement where lots have been made in certain quarters which are generally regarded as the bottom and as not representing the true status of the market.

### Excursion to Wheeling Every Sunday, Via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Special train leaves Pittsburgh station corner Smithfield and Water streets, 8:30 a. m. Returning leaves Wheeling 5:30 p. m. Fare, $1.50 round trip.

### Shipments and Runs.

Shipments and runs of the Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana fields:

PENNSYLVANIA OIL.

| SHIPMENTS. | Average. |
|---|---|
| December 15..... 742,3[illegible] | 92,[illegible] |
| Previously..... 3,[illegible] | 967,[illegible] |
| Total..... 4,[illegible] | 1,060,[illegible] |
| Daily average..... 78,[illegible] | 84,[illegible] |

| RUNS. | Average. |
|---|---|
| December 15..... 76,[illegible] | 77,[illegible] |
| Previously..... 1,[illegible] | 1,[illegible] |
| Total..... 1,[illegible] | 1,[illegible] |
| Daily average..... 78,[illegible] | 78,[illegible] |

LIMA OIL.

| SHIPMENTS. | Average. |
|---|---|
| December 15..... 26,[illegible] | 27,[illegible] |
| Previously..... 1,[illegible] | 1,[illegible] |
| Total..... 1,[illegible] | 1,[illegible] |
| Daily average..... 25,[illegible] | 26,[illegible] |

### The Oil Market.

The Standard quotes small influence in the various fields as follows: Cabell, $1.70; Creighton, $1.70; New Castle, $1.21; 3rd, $1.21; Cranberry, $1.70; Bull Creek, $1.35; Indiana, $1.30; Whitehaven, $1.30; Somerset, $1.30; Bradford, $1.30; Corning, $1.30; Cross Creek, $1.30; Ragland, $1.30; Claysville, $1.30; Somerset, $1.30; Macksburg, $1.30; Cygnet, $1.30; Shamburg, $1.30; Washington

# INSECTS CAUSE HEAVY LOSSES

## Over $300,000,000 Worth of Damage Is Done Each Year in This Country.

### GOVERNMENT EXPERT TALKS

"Useful and Ingenious Insects" was the subject of an interesting lecture delivered last evening by Dr. L. O. Howard before the Academy of Science and Art in Carnegie hall. Dr. Howard is the chief entomologist of the department of agriculture of the United States government.

The speaker stated that probably no country of its size in the civilized world suffers more from the attacks of injurious insects than does the United States. More than $300,000,000 is lost each year through insects' attacks upon cultivated crops and live stock. The majority of the injurious insects of first-class importance — those species which every year damage the country to be estimated only by millions — are of foreign origin, mainly obtaining to us through channels of commerce from Europe. Such injurious species as the codling moth, the Hessian fly, the gipsy moth, come from Europe; the pear-ball weevil and the harlequin cabbage bug come from Central America; the San Jose scale comes from China, and the list might be extended greatly.

One reason for the great damage done by species accidentally imported from Europe is that in America they encounter a warmer and a longer summer season, thus making their development more rapid and multiplying the number of generations. Another reason is that, while the insects themselves have accidentally been introduced, their natural enemies have not been imported. In comparison with the large number of injurious insects which have been accidentally introduced, the number of beneficial insects thus imported has been very small.

### Beneficial Insects Imported.

The speaker mentioned a few beneficial species which have been accidentally imported, and then told at length the story of the introduction of the ladybird parasite from Australia to kill the cottony cushion scale, or white scale, of California in the early '80s. The importation was a great success, and in less than a year California was completely rid of an injurious insect which had threatened the total extinction of her orange and lemon crops. The same insect has since been sent to other parts of the world where the white scale existed and has been equally successful.

Dr. Howard spoke of unsuccessful efforts to import from Australia and from South Europe the natural enemies of the black scale of the olive and orange, and, finally, a successful importation of a parasite fly from South Africa which has proved an efficient enemy of this destructive insect.

These were explained the appearance of the San Jose scale in California in the early '80s, its subsequent spread over the Pacific coast, and its accidental introduction upon nursery stock into the orchards of the east 10 years later. Eastern entomologists and horticulturists made a strenuous fight against this scale insect for 10 years or more, but it constantly spread, and finally aroused the fears of European governments so that quarantine measures against American fruit trees were adopted by Germany, France, Austro-Hungary, and many other nations.

### Did Not Know Original Home.

The original home of the insect was not known. The species was apparently imported by James Lick of San Jose, Cal., who at one time brought fruit trees from all parts of the world. It was supposed that it may have been brought from Japan. In 1900 one of Dr. Howard's assistants, C. L. Marlatt, went to Japan and discovered from the conditions existing there that, far from deriving the San Jose scale from Japan, America probably was the source from which Japan was overrun by the scale.

Proceeding to China, Mr. Marlatt found evidence that the scale was native to that country, and found there a ladybird beetle which he sent to America and which has reproduced successfully and has established itself in certain southern orchards, proving to be an efficient enemy of the scale.

The efforts the department of agriculture has made to introduce from South Africa a fungus disease of grasshoppers was explained by Dr. Howard. He also described at length the success which has been gained in the production of Smyrna figs on the Pacific coast through the introduction of a fig-fertilizing insect from Algeria.

# TWO PENNSYLVANIANS MAKING GREAT BATTLE

## Tribute Paid to Eminent Lawyers of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

"Two Pennsylvanians, one of Pittsburgh and one of Philadelphia, are fighting out the greatest legal battle of the age before the supreme court. It is Attorney General Knox versus George Johnston. One is the attorney general and the other could have had the position because it is generally known that President McKinley offered it to him. They are fighting out the proposition whether great business institutions can combine without destroying competition." So spoke Professor S. D. Fess of Chicago in a lecture on "Greater America; Steps Leading Up to Its Present Position," as the last of a series on the "Growth of Representative Government in the United States" under the auspices of the W. of P. Extension of the university extension lecture course at the Thaddeus Stevens school, Main street.

Professor Fess had pointed out why the American colonies rebelled against the mother country. He said: "It was not because of high taxes, because of the taxation without representation, not because of arbitrary government, but because England wanted to establish a feudal system in this country and destroy our right to self government." He mentioned the merger case, after pointing out that while this nation has the executive, judicial and legislative branches of government in the form of three boys, England has the three in two bodies. He said: "There can be no unconstitutional laws in England, but there the people are not sovereign, like they are here."

Professor Fess reviewed the progress of the country and said the north and south are bound together, as was shown by the Cuban war, and that American states today are developing a tripod, church, state and school, that will make the country greater than any in Great Britain or those of the continent. When Christopher Columbus discovered America, Portugal was sovereign of the seas. Spain wrested that distinction from Portugal. Then she fought and conquered Holland. Soon Spain and Holland united against England. England was supreme, but she had to vie with France. Along came America and predominated, capturing the prize.

This, said Professor Fess, "shows greatness, the trend of the times, and silver promise for the future."


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In Holiday assortments—more profuse and choicer than ever. Puffing Ties, 25 and 50c—4-in-hands, 25c, 50c, $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50—at any price for better value than men are usually being offered—especially at 50c.

English Squares, 50c to $2.50—nice one for a dollar—so nice you'll wonder why you were expecting to pay more for one. Made up Tecks and Imperials, 50c each. Full line One, Black and White Ties for evening dress. Boggs & Buhl, Allegheny.

Holiday Excursion Fares to Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Intermediate Points Via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Tickets at greatly reduced rates on sale at Pittsburgh and points west December 24th, 25th and 31st and January 1st, good returning until January 4th inclusive. Consult agents Baltimore & Ohio railroad for further particulars.

Tell Your Friends

That The Gazette's new way of putting good-looking gentlemen roomers "next" to first-class places by its Room-Renting Bureau is the only sure way to fill their rooms quickly. It's new—it's sure. It's cheap. In fact, it doesn't cost them a cent to list their names and thus get in touch with our army of room hunters. Tell them to try it.


# VOTED FORMALLY FOR THE PROPOSED MERGER

## Iron City and Merchants and Manufacturers National Bank Stockholders Meet.

Stockholders of the Iron City and the Merchants and Manufacturers National banks voted yesterday to go into voluntary liquidation and to accept the proposition of the Bank of Pittsburgh National association to acquire their total assets. This formal action leads up to the merger of the two institutions into the Bank of Pittsburgh. It is expected that the three banks will be in the one building in a week or so; certain rearrangements of the interior being necessary.

The work of liquidation will be started forthwith. The buildings of the Merchants and Manufacturers and the Iron City will be sold. It is said that several offers have been made, although no sale has been completed for either structure.

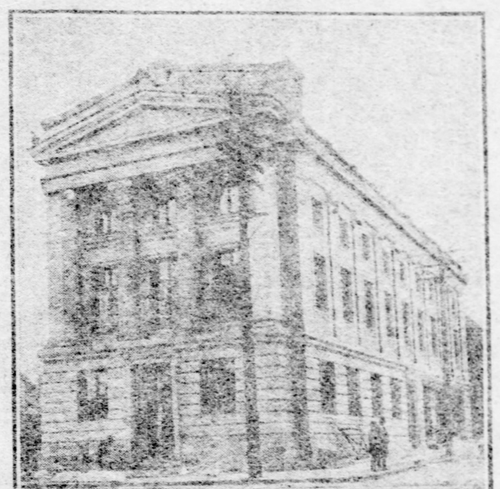
The appraisement of the values of the three stocks on the basis of the close of business December 15 show $105.20 for the Bank of Pittsburgh, $124.50 for the Merchants and Manufacturers and a little over $114 for the Iron City. The $50 par stocks will be exchanged, share for share. The difference between the values of the Iron City and the Merchants and Manufacturers stock as compared with the Bank of Pittsburgh's stock being returned in cash dividends to the holders of stock of the two first named institutions. This will mean a cash dividend of about $9 per share for the Merchants and Manufactures stockholders and about $6 for the Iron City.

The election of directors of the Bank of Pittsburgh to fill up the quota enlarged by action of the stockholders this week will not be held until the regular time of annual meetings for national banks, the second Tuesday of January.


$35.10 for $10—Big Chance.

Speer's Wines—Special Holiday Case, 32 Bottles Oldest Private Stock Choteau Wines, worth $32.10, given away until New Year for $10.00. We also have $5.00 cases. Write for circular list. Speer Wine Co., Passaic, N. J. This is the wine that prolongs life.


## Trust Company's New Home An Ornament for Homestead.



New Building of the Monongahela Trust Company of Homestead.

The new home of the Monongahela Trust Company of Homestead, located at the corner of Eighth avenue and Ann street, will be occupied during the first week in January. The new building will be the finest banking house in the Monongahela valley. The structure is three stories high, built of brick and stone and finished in hardwood. The Trust company will occupy the first floor front and there are two store rooms on the Ann street side. The second floor is to be used for offices. The third floor has been finished in bachelor suits of two rooms and bath each, and will be rented furnished or unfurnished. These suits are unique in Homestead and the experiment will be watched with interest. The structure will cost complete about $85,000.

### Reorganization Plan Working Out.

Considerable progress is to be made on the plan of financial reorganization for the Monongahela Mining Company. The committee in charge of the plan has been working out the details and expects to have all ready early in January.


Pain in Chest Sore Lungs Grip

How easy it is to catch cold! How quickly it settles on the lungs, and how often if neglected it ends in Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption! Many deaths are caused in the beginning by a slight cold.

Hamlins WIZARD OIL

will break up a cold on the lungs in a night. It should be applied when the first symptoms appear. Rub the chest well with the medicine, as upon it a linen cloth wet with Hamlin's Wizard Oil and covered with a flannel bandage. Hundreds have testified this treatment. Apply it at night just before retiring and in the morning the cold will be broken up.

Ouray, Col., April 25, 1902.

My little girl aged two years, has suffered more or less with Cold since her birth and finally became serious. We tried remedies of several kinds and they seemed to give no relief. A friend of mine recommended Hamlin's Wizard Oil to me and after the use of one bottle she has become entirely well. I shall never be without Hamlin's Wizard Oil in my home. I cannot recommend it too highly.

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What Will Please The Men.

Simple suggestions is all you want now. No time to read about details:

Smoking Jackets and House Coats, $5 and $7.50.
Bath Robes, in Terry cloth and Jacquard flannels, $5 to $7.
Neckwear — English Squares, Puffs and Four-in-Hands, 50c, 75c and $1.
Suspenders neatly boxed, silk webbing or silk embroidered, 50c, 75c and $1.
All-Wool Sweaters, for men and boys—$1 to $3.
Men's Slippers in Opera or Everett patterns, $1, $1.50 and $2.
Men's Club Skates, 59c to $3.50.
Men's Overcoats—A splendid line at prices cut more than 25 per cent.
Shaving Brushes with sterling silver handles, $1 to $2.25.
Men's Umbrellas, $1 to $7.
Pocketbooks, 25c to $5.
Calendars in fine leather, 25c, 50c and 75c.
Desk Sets, $1.25 to $3.
Tobacco Jars, with gold tops, 59c and 98c.
Thermometers, 25c to $1.39.
Smoker's Sets, gold plated, $1.25 and $1.89.
Handkerchiefs, 5c to 50c.
Gloves, $1 to $1.85.
Golf Gloves, 50c and 75c.

THE SHIMMER OF SILVER.

Toilet Utensils, Pocket Pieces, Desk Furnishings and Tableware in sterling silver make very tasteful gifts. Everything conceivable in this line you will find at "The People's Store."

—Manicure and Toilet Articles in the French gray finish, as low as 25c. Two other lines at 50c and 75c.
—Match Boxes, for men who are smokers—$1, $1.50, $1.69, $2, $2.50 and $2.98.
—Key Rings for men, 25c and 50c.
—Shaving Brushes, $1, $2 and $2.25.
—Military Brushes—the kind that men like best. Sterling silver backs, $4.50, $5 and $6.50 pair.
—Ink Stands in crystal and cut glass, with sterling silver tops, 50c, $1.25, $1.50, $2 and $2.50.
—Nail Polishers, 50c, 75c and 98c.
—Bonnet Brushes, 98c, $1.50 and $2.00.
—Hat Brushes, 98c, $1.25, $1.50 and $2.25.
—Hair Brushes, $3.50, $5.75 and $4.50.
—Mirrors—Finest French bevel plate, sterling silver backs and handles, $4.50, $4.75, $6.75 and $7.50.
—Whisk Brooms, 75c, 98c, $1.25, $1.50 and $2.
—Clothes Brushes with sterling silver backs, $2, $2.50, $2.75, $2.98, $3.50 and $3.75.
—Silver Mounted Combs, 50c, 75c, $1 and $1.50.
—Tooth Brush Holders, 25c and 75c.
—Puff Jars, 98c, $2, $3 and $4.50.
—Scissors—Sterling silver handles and steel blades, 25c, 50c, 75c and $1.
—Brush and Comb Sets, $2.50, $2.98, $5 and $6.98.
—Brush, Comb and Mirror Sets, $7.50, $8.50, $10 and $12.50.
—Manicure Sets, $1.25, $2, $2.98, $5 and $7.98.
—Call Bells, 25c, 50c and $1.00.
—Sewing Sets, $1.25 and $1.69.
—Salts and Peppers, 25c and 50c.
—Tea Strainers, $1.75.
—Rattlers, 50c, 75c, $1, $1.25 and $1.50.
—Babies' Comb and Brush Sets, 98c, $1.50, $1.50 and $2.98.

What's Dantier Than a Fan? If the woman you intend to favor with a Christmas token is not already the happy possessor of one, you will make no mistake if you select one of these exquisite Gauze Fans with carved ivory sticks that will cost you from $1 to $5 at "The People's Store."

And close at hand a splendid assortment of bead chains for Fan Chains from 15c up.

Lovely Framed Pictures. A veritable art gallery on the Ground Floor about the middle of the store. Etchings, Glass Medallions, Engravings, Pastels, Water Colors, Posters, etc., showing heads, landscapes, groups, marine views and copies of famous paintings. All tastefully framed in the fine woods, gilt, forest green, etc. Prices, 50c to $10



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The toys which will be distributed to various asylums and charitable institutions also on exhibition.

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We will positively not carry over a single Doll in stock. To close out this immense stock, which consists of NEW goods, in all grades from 10c to $12, we offer ONE-FOURTH OFF THE MARKED PRICES. Buy now.

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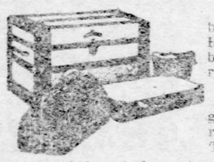
Men's House Jackets Our assortment deserves more than passing consideration—in desirable colors. Golf collar and cuffs—corded braid, etc. Here $10 and down to $5

Men's Gloves In every kind and style—Dress Gloves, Walking, Fur, Wool and scores of others. Make elegant Holiday gifts. Values here extraordinary at our low prices.

Men's Neckwear Charming gifts — little things in themselves, but expressive of much taste and judgment. In richest foreign and domestic silks. In Ascots, Tecks, etc., now $1.50 and down to 50c

Men's Slippers Brimful of comfort—the always useful Holiday token. In best materials—Alfred Dolge make. Here $2.25 and down to 98c

Suggestions From the Leather Goods Dep't.



Headed, of course, by the best of all Holiday remembrances — a strong, reliable Trunk. We sell none but dependable kinds — in guaranteed materials. Best fittings. The prices—$40 and down to $2.50

Satchels: All Kinds For men or women. The materials are of the best. Made in the season's newest effects. Handsome assortment to choose from, at $25 and down to $1.00

Suit Cases: Useful If you've a friend who travels, a Suit Case will be a welcome gift indeed. In cowhide, Grain or alligator leather—plain or fitted, now $25 and down to $3.75

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Women's Electric Seal Coats Our regular $50 Coats—in best plain electric seal—large Medici collar—revers—24 inches long—lined with satin—very carefully made and decidedly cheap at former price, $50, today $39.50

Scarfs and Stoles All our fine, new scarfs and Stoles that formerly sold from $8.50 to $10. Friday $5.00—AT HALF AND LESS, in best furs—raccoon, Isabella Fox, sable, etc.—cluster of tails—now priced $5

Scarfs and Stoles Those marked at $12 to $15, Friday $10, in fashionable furs—squirrel, fox, sable, marten, etc.—well lined, cluster of tails—now priced $10

Scarfs and Stoles Women's finest Scarfs and Stoles that regularly sold for $22.50 and $25, Friday $18, in most reliable furs—newest effects—bound to go fast today at only $18

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Rogers' 1847 Tableware Delight those on whose shoulders fall the cares of housekeeping with something useful, in Knives, Forks, Spoons, etc. Much under-priced here.

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Boys' Double Breasted Suits Just 300 garments—secured by our buyers at the same time of the big Overcoat deal mentioned above. Tasteful—becoming styles—in cheviots, cassimeres, etc.—guaranteed for wear—NOT A BAD IDEA EITHER for someone's Christmas present—worth $5.00, while they last today $3.00

Boys' Norfolk Suits Not so many Suits as we would have liked to bought—but enough to please 200 youngsters. In wanted fabrics—prettily trimmed—nicely finished, and positively unexcelled for fit and service—matchless values at $3.50, yours today for $2.50

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